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A CHRONOLOGICAL GENEALOGY of

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AND HIS DESCENDANTS

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INTRODUCTORY

THIS book has been compiled by Julia E. Sellers, a great, great, grand-daughter of James Cowan, Sr.

Miss Sellers has spent much time and expense in the research of the Cowan Family History contained in this little volume with a wish to preserve the knowledge of facts now available for the coming generations.

Facts concerning the
following related families
have been preserved by
Mrs Julia E Sellers Garrison
R.R. #2 Lebanon, Ohio.

-1- Smith, - Sellers, - King, Pence,
Louchs -
-2- Dail, - Jordon, - Garritson.
-3- Emery, - Wean.
4- Manning, - Edwards.
5- Phillips, - Eddy.
6- Hall, - Wikoff.
7- James Cowden Sr.

Jonathan Dayton to James Cowan----DEED

Recd. 10th Dec. 1800. Recorded 12th of same month in Book 149 etc. Said Recording 100 cents. O. M. Spencer, R. Recorder.

To all to whom these presents shall come---Be it known that in pursuance of a contract made and executed onthe fifteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, between Arthur Lee, Walter Livingston and Samuel Osgood, commissioners of the Board of Treasury, and Jonathan Dayton and Daniel Marsh in behalf of John Cleves Symmes as his agents and associates, and also by virtue of an act of Congress entitled an act authorizing the grant and conveyance of certain land to John C. Symmes and his associates, the President of the United States did conformally to the powers and authority in him vested and in consideration of the payments heretofore made into the Treasury of certificates and Military warrants equal in value to one hundred and sixty-five thousand six hundred and ninety-three dollars and forty-two cents, issue letters patent to, and in the name of the said John C. Symmes and associates granting and conveying to him and them two hundred and forty-eight thousand five hundred and forty acres of land exclusive of reserves, bounded by the Ohio on the south by the Little Miami river east, and by the Great Miami west. And whereas, the said John C. Symmes in consideration of Military land warrants paid into the Treasury of the United States by Jonathan Dayton and placed to the credit of said Symmes equal in their estimated value to forty-two thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven dollars, did grant and convey to the said Jonathan Dayton and to his heirs and assigns forever by a deed bearing date the thirtieth day of October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four.

All the lands contained within the third enter Range of Townships commonly called the Military Range:excepting only the five sections numbered eight, eleven, sixteen, twenty-five and twenty nine in every Township, originally reserved by Congress. Now, therefore, these presents testify that I, the said Jonathan Dayton, in virtue of the titles derived as aforesaid and in consideration of the sum of sixteen hundred dollars being full payment and satisfaction therefor have granted, conveyed and confirmed and do hereby grant and convey and confirm unto James Cowan now of Hamilton county in the Northwestern Territory and to his heirs and assigns forever one section of land being the seventeenth section in the fourth township of the aforesaid third or Military Range, etc., containing six hundred and forty acres; to have and to hold the said land described as aforesaid with all its appurtenances unto him the said James Cowan and to his heirs and assigns, to, and for his and their only proper use, benefit and behoof forever. In Testimony Whereof, I the said Jonathan Dayton, by my attorney Israel Ludlow, have hereunto set my hand and seal this tenth day of December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred. Sealed and for Jonathan Dayton, delivered in presence of Isreal Ludlow, Wm. Bruce, I. Wright, Iraael Anderson.

Hamilton.

Before me, Joseph Prince, one of the Justices assignsigned to keep the peace in said county, personally came Israel Ludlow and acklowledged the within Instrument to be his voluntary act and deed for the use and purpose herein mentioned. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal the 10th day of December, 1800. Joseph Prince

Note---The seal is a plain piece of square paper without any mark upon it, pasted upon the deed.

1--1. James Cowan, Sr., 1745-1828. Wife Mary Russel.
1--2. James Cowan. 1778. Wife of Macaiah Reeder.
2---2. John Cowan, 1781-1853. First wife, Miss Sewell
Second wife, Sarah French — Sisters
3--2 Charles Cowan, 1784-1850. Wife, Jane White McPherson.
4---2 James Cowan, Jr., 1787-1873. First wife, Mary French
Second wife, Lydia Mix — Sisters.
5--2 William Cowan, 1791-1821. Wife Rebecca Whitehill.

James Cowan, Sr., was of Irish descent, born in the year of 1745. Was the eldest son of many children. He married Mary Russell, and to this union there came a daughter and four sons. At the death of the father in Berkley county, West Virginia, then Virginia, by right of primo geniture, then the law of that State, he became the owner of all his father's real estate, but he voluntarily divided it with his brothers and sisters, saying that though the law gave it to him, he, the eldest son, had no more right to it, in justice than the other children.

This division with his brothers and sisters left him but a small patrimony, so he therefore determined to come to a new country where land was cheap, that he might secure a home for all his children. So, James Cowan, Sr., his wife Mary, a daughter and four sons, left Berkley county, about six miles south of Harper's Ferry, and arrived near Lebanon, Ohio, November 3, 1800. As they passed through Cincinnati, now where the court house stands, some young men saw they were headed towards Beedle's Station, as they thought. One of the young men, Macaiah Reeder, by name, noticed they had a young girl with them, so he followed them on horseback and finally married her. As young girls in those days were scarce in the new west.

It was said that the son, John, had in view "a prospective bride" from the family of Sewells; they having emigrated to Ohio earlier.

The first night was spent with the Sewell family, who lived about two and a half miles west of Lebanon, Ohio, on what is known as the Shaker Town Pike. They then went about a mile northwest of Lebanon and stayed until the spring of 1801 on what is known as the Knox Place.

On December 10, 1800, James Cowan, Sr., purchased a large tract of land of six hundred and forty acres for sixteen hundred dollars, about two miles west of Lebanon, near where they spent the first night.

He had three different sections in view, sections 30, 22 and 17. When he went to look for a place to locate, his wife Mary it was said requested him to select a home where there was a spring with horse weeds high and strong enough to tie a horse to. Each of the sections here before mentioned fulfilled the request; but for some unknown reason section 17 was chosen, which in infertility was the poorest. The chosen land was formerly a part of the Great Miami Purchase that was granted to John Cleaves Symmes, October 15, 1788. This purchase was bounded by the Ohio river on the south, the Little Miami river on the east; the Great Miami river on the west, and contained two hundred and forty-eight thousand, five hundred and forty acres, valued at four hundred and twenty thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven dollars. On October 30, 1794, Jonathan Dayton bought all the lands in the 3rd range of townships commonly called the Military Range, except the sections 8, 11, 16, 25, 39, in every township which was reserved by Congress. On December 10, 1800, Jonathan Dayton sold to James Cowan, Sr., section 17 in the fourth township

of the aforesaid 3rd or Military range, containing six hundred and forty acres for the sum of sixteen hundred dollars. Later, this land came into the possession of James, Sr., three children, Jane, Charles and John. The other two children, William and James, Jr., received lands in Greene county. There, William settled, and to keep James, Jr., from settling there, he, being a carpenter by trade and a judge of the court, Jane sold him eight acres for a hundred dollars and John sold him four acres for fifty dollars, making a total of twelve acres. When John emigrated west August 11, 1828, he sold a hundred and three acres to James, Jr., for a thousand dollars, and the rest of his land he sold to a Mr. Thompson.

James, Jr., was married and settled on the said twelve acres in the year of 1814. There he and his descendants have resided for over a century. At present this place is owned by a grandson, Ellis Howard Cowan.

May 4, 1814, the son Charles came into possession of two hundred and seven acres valued at four thousand dollars. All of this land is still held by his grand children, Harry Cowan, Minnie Sellers, Rilla Blin and Anna Mulford. On this land was located the old cabin where James, Sr., and family lived. To be more definite this cabin was in the northeast corner of Harry Cowan's present garden which is just north of the present house. The old cabin had two rooms with an entry between, so in time as each child married it became too cramped, so the son, Charles, had another house built: James, Jr , being a carpenter by trade built it for his brother Charles. In those days it was common to have apprentice boys. James, Jr., had one helping him and it was supposed the boy became tired, for one night he gathered together the tools in what was then "the good room," now the sitting room; then he carried live coals in a tin cup and built a fire to burn the tools. Charles' two eldest sons, John and William were sleeping upstairs; they smelled the smoke, and in that way the house was saved. But large holes were burnt in the floor. This floor remained until February 1911 when it was removed. Of this house there remains four rooms in the main part of the present house, and the old kitchen which was moved to the rear.

The parentage of James Cowan, Sr., and that of his wife Mary we do not know about. On the top shelf of the big cupboard which was in grand-mother Jane White McPherson Cowan's room, to be more definite it was one of the smaller of the above four rooms mentioned, there were found some old parchment papers that have been handed down from generation to generation. One a will which was made September 18, 1764, by Robert Shields, living in the township of Bethlehem, county of Hunterdon, Province of West New Jersey. In this will he speaks of my sister, Jane Cowan, wife of John Cowan; another, a deed, made the 26th year of the reign of George II over Great Britain about the year of 1753. It was from George Silverthorn, living in the township of Greneeh, county of Morris, Western Division of the Province of New Jersey to John Cowan, who lived in the township of Bethlehem, county of Hunterdon, Province of West New Jersey, one hundred and five acres near Spruce Run.

Question: Why were these old parchment papers brought into the new west with the Cowans if they did not belong to their ancestors?

1--1 James Cowan, Sr., 1745-1828· wife Mary Russell, 1750-1820.
1--2 Jane Cowan 1778, wife of Macaiah Reeder,
April 24, 1779, Sept. 4, 1843.
1--3 James Milton 1805-1895· first wife Rosetta McCarty.
1-4 James D 1829; 2-4 Allen B 1833; 3--4 Harriet P 1835; 4-4 William W 1837; 5-4 Leah 1839; 6-4 Sarah D 1843.

Second wife Jane Burbridge. 1-4 Matilda 1844; 2-4 Thomas M 1846; 3-4 John N 1848; 4-4 Eliza J 1849; 5-4 Lovia M 1853; 6-4 William B 1855; 7-4 Mary E 1857; 8-4 George N 1859; 9-4 Claudina 1861. 2-3 Annie M 1806, wife of John Pauley. 1-4 Sarah; 2-4 Milton
wife of Jennie Benedict.

1-5 Dr. Charles A. Pauley, wife Lydia Corwin; 1-6 (in army) Robert; 2-6 Marianna; 3-4 Daniel, wife Marianna Booth; 1-5 babe; 2-5 Emily Belle, 22 months; 3-5 James Barrett, wife Elino Ludlow; 4-4 William wife Dolly Shaffer; 1-5 Lily, Mr. Albert, Chicago; 2-5 Hattie, deceased; 5-4 Claudiena, wife of Frank Baker; 1-5 Anna, wife of William Lacy; 1-6 Louise; 2-6 Frank; 3-6 Laura; 4-6 boy; 6-4 Aaron; 7-4 George 1847-1917, wife Clara Frances Cox. 1-5 Harold, Troy, Ohio; 2 5 Frederick, infant; 3-5 William, Colorado; 3-3 Charles 1808-1865, wife Sarah Hart; 1-4 John, deceased; 2-4 William; 3-4 Charles; 4-4 Oscar, deceased; 5-4 Zebeniah; 6-4 James; 7-4 Alfred Stout; 4-3 George Washington, 1811, wife Jane Thompson; 1-4 Mary Louisa, November 4, 1836, September 21, 1916, wife of David Mulford; 1-5 Acla, one year; 2-5 John Q, 1911, first wife Mollie Keever, second wife May Probasco; 1-6 Dorothy, infant; 2-6 Hewett; 3-6 Marion; 4-6 John; 5-6 Robert, infant; 3-5 John C, first wife Mattie Dunham Aug. 21, 1860, April 29, 1889· 1-6 boy, infant, March 15, 1884; 2-6 boy, infant, March 12, 1886; 2 6 boy, infant, March 12, 1886; 3-6 Helen Dunham. Second wife Minnie Mote; 1-6 Lena, wife of Albert Irons; 1-7 Hushel J; 2-6 Walter, wife Mildred Huber; 1-7 Myron C; 2-7 Miriam; 3-6 Etta May, wife of Ohmer Nixon; 1-7 Roger O; 4-6 Grace, wife of Walter Middleton; 5-6 Lucy; 4-5 Jane Ellen, infant; 5 5 Elva C, infant; 6-5 Eddie, infant; 7-5 David R, first wife Musa Scott; 1-6 Darrell; second wife Elfie Plipps; 1-6 Mary Margaret; 2-6 Sarena Pearl; 3-6 Gertrude Loucile; 8-5 Sarena D, wife of Charles Gustin; 1-6 Pauline; 2-6 Earl; 3-6 Reva; 4-6 Orion; 5-6 Doris Eugene; 9-5 Pearl E, wife of L. D. Wills; 1-6 Estel, wife of Russell Haines; 1-7 Elmer Robert; 2-7 Richard R; 2-6 (in army) Elmer, wife Bonnie Fitzgerald. 3-6 Eldred, infant; 4-6 Robert. 2-4 Sarena 1838-1862, wife of William Decker; 3-4 Joseph 1839, killed in civil war; 4-4 Charles 1841, infant; 5-4 Allen 1842, died during the war; 6-4 Harriet J 1843-1893, wife of Hiram Keller; 1-5 Marie Keller, wife of Clem Erisman; 7-4 Caleb 1845, wife Josephine Hillsbeck; 1-5 Olive Reeder, wife of Dr. Arthur Miller; 8-4 James 1847 wife Rena Ohlfest; 9-h Thos. 1849 died in San Francisco; 10-4 Annie 1851, 11-4 George 1851, twins. Annie wife of Dr. Welch; 12-4 Emma 1853, wife of William Watkins; 1-5 Etta 1910, wife of Peter Boilan; 1-6 Francis, boy; 13-4 Florence 1855, wife of R. B. Miller; 1-5 Irene, wife of Jesse F. Gannaway; 2-5 Elwood, wife Alice Davenport; 1-6 Bertha Bernice; 2-6 Madeline Carrie; 3-5 Golden Reeder wife Mildred Hess; 1-6 John Richard; 14-4 Pauline 1857 wife of Levi Berkstresser; 1-5 Bertha, wife of Edgar Nash Johnson; 1 6 Edgar Nash, Jr.; 15-4 Rudolph R 1859, wife May Hewett (Xmas 1918); 1-5 Irene May, wife of Harold VanNess; 1-6 Paul Hewett; 2-6 Constance; 2-5 Ruth An-

geline, wife of Rev. Charles N. Arbuckle; 3-5 Grace Amelia; 4-5 Edwin Hewett, wife ; 1-6 Edwin Hewett, Jr.; 5-5 (in army) Rudolph Rex; 16-4 Drusilla 1861-1861; 17-4 baby, 1864; 5-3 Sarah Drusilla 1812-Oct 21, 1861, wife of William L. John; 6-3 Joseph 1814; 7-3 Harriet Jane 1817-1853; 8-3 baby, not named, 1821.

JANE COWAN, daughter of James Cowan, Senior, married Macaiah Reeder. The circumstances leading up to this union were rather romantic. Macaiah's father was one of the first settlers of Cincinnati and farmed the land where the court house of Cincinnati now stands. When James Cowan was traveling from Virginia in a wagon to settle in Ohio he passed through Cincinnati, then a town of about five hundred inhabitants. It was on this occasion that Macaiah saw the face of a beautiful young girl looking out through the opening in the cover of her father's wagon, and he received a smile from that face that "did him up," as it were. No difference how hard he tried to forget it "that bright smile haunted him still." The wagon has passed on, he knew not whither, and the girl with it, but that smile stayed with him. Some time afterward he learned by chance that James Cowan had settled on Turtle Creek, about 30 miles northeast of Cincinnati in what is now Warren county. So, young Reeder began saving his dimes in order to make himself as presentable as possible, mounted his horse, and started for Turtle Creek on the grandest undertaking of his life, and he made a success of it, as he did in most of his undertakings in after years. They built them a log house on part of the section of land purchased by James Cowan. While Jane made the garden, looked after the chickens and did all the household duties, Macaiah swung his six-pound axe from early morn till late at night into the grand oak, walnut and maple trees that had possession of his land. When one of the grand monarchs of the forest would come crashing to the ground Jane would stand perfectly still and listen for the sound of his axe again and when she heard it she knew he had not been injured by the falling tree. It made no difference whether she was stirring the soft soap, mixing the corn pone or roasting the venison, she could go no further with it until she heard the sound of that axe again.

When the war of 1812 broke out Macaiah left his children and the farm under the wise management of his faithful wife, shouldered his flint lock, and hastened to the rescue of his young Uncle Sammie whom John Bull was giving a close, hard game. He was soon elected commander of his mess by his comrades, showing the confidence they had in his honesty. Part of his duty was to draw their rations and see that they were equally divided among them. The men in his mess from about Lebanon were Howard Dunlavey, J. E. Smith, James Sinyards, Simmons Wollery and David Wollery. With his men's welfare uppermost in his mind, Macaiah cautioned them to be careful with their rations and not waste them for they did not always know when they would be able to draw them. But some of the younger men paid little heed to his warning. One night after a hard day's march two of his men, David Woolery and James Sinyards, came to him and said they had nothing to eat and had had nothing all day. Macaiah reached down in his haversack and fished out his last biscuit—an old rusty one at that—broke it in two and gave half to each of them, who devoured it with the energy of two hungry dogs. Thirty miles of dust road lay between them and their supplies where they expected to draw rations the next night. Ever ready to divide his last morsel with his fellow men was the disposition of the man who had the honor of being the husband of Jane Cowan.

After the war, Macaiah returned to his family and farm, and he and Jane set about to build them a new house, which was to be of brick, one

of the first of that kind to be built in that section of the country. They manufactured the brick on their farm and all the lumber in the house was taken from the farm. The finishing lumber in that house was very fine. Part of it was removed and taken to Lebanon years ago to finish a fine residence there. With the love they had for each other it was very easy for them to think that Solomon in his gold-lined temple was no happier than they. Jane died at Lebanon, O

Macaiah died at Crawfordsville, Ind., in 1843.

Jane and Macaiah Reeder raised six children to manhood and womanhood. James M., the eldest son, raised quite a number of children. His wife died and left several quite young children, one being only five weeks old. Kind neighbors tried to help him with them as best they could. One day one of the neighbor women told him he must find a wife to be a mother to his little children, especially the youngest one, but he said, "what will my friends think of me if I marry so soon after my wife's death?" The lady said, "your children are more to you than the opinion of your friends, let them do the talking and you do the good work." She told him she knew of a very nice lady who lived several miles away who would make him a good wife, and she knew there would be no difficulty about him being favorably received. So, James shined his shoes, put on his "best bib and tucker," saddled his best horse, and struck out down the pike on his friendly mission, but probably feeling much different than his father had felt when he rode on a similar mission from Cincinnati to Turtle Creek many years before. After James talked the matter over with the lady he assisted her to a seat on the horse behind him and they rode to a minister's and were married. When they reached home the kind neighbor who had been instrumental in bringing all this about had supper ready, and they all sat down to a glorious wedding feast, after which the kind neighbor slipped away across the fields to her family and left them alone in their glory. In this matter James showed the good "horse-sense" and judgment that naturally belonged to the Cowan blood.

When the youngest child was a young lady eighteen years of age, she was one day joking with her father and he was teasing her about something. She told him that if he didn't stop it she would tell her mother. He replied, "you have no mother." He then told her the sad story. She was so overcome that her father was very anxious about her for a little while, but recovering soon she saddled her horse and went to a neighbor's, and the lady noticing how pale and excited she looked, asked her what was the trouble. She said, "I am told I have no mother." The lady asked, "who told you that?" She said, "father." She smiled and said, "your father told you the truth."

James M. died at Kokomo, Ind., in the 1890's.

Charles C., the second son of Jane and Macaiah Reeder, became what was called in those days, a down-the river trader." These traders would load flat boats with grain and merchandise and float them by the current and paddle down the Ohio and Missi-sippi to New Orleans or some town between the starting place and New Orleans, where they would sell their cargo and hire a steamer to tow their boats back. Charles was one of the greatest mechanics of the Cowan blood of his time—a carpenter, a blacksmith, a millwright, a stonemason, a brickmason, a cabinet maker, and a farmer; in fact few came nearer being jack of all trades and master of

them all than Charles C. Reeder. He was a contractor and builder for a number of years in the South, and a number of young men went from about Lebanon to work for him. He married Sarah Hart, a daughter of Judge Hart, of Lebanon. Of this union there were seven boys who lived to manhood. Charles C. Reeder died at Flora, Illinois, in 1865.

John H. Reeder, son of Charles C. Reeder, died in the War of the Rebellion at Nashville, Tennessee, in 1864.

Charles C., Junior, like his father, was quite a mechanic. He was a successful contractor and builder at Lincoln, Illinois, where he also held public office.

Zephaniah, another son, became a successful business man at Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Alfred S., the youngest, was a successful mechanic.

George W., the third son of Macaiah and Jane Reeder, stayed on his father's farm until he married Jane Thompson, and then moved to southern Wisconsin, to what is now Green county. They went by boat down the Ohio river and up the Mississippi river. George could tell of many exciting experiences he had in the Northwest in those days. He had to haul most of the products of his farm to Madison, which was forty miles distant, or to Fort Winnebago which was eighty miles away. This hauling he did in the winter on sleds. He often made those trips alone, and on one of those lonely trips he found after he started that he had failed to put his gun into the sled, but he had an axe and he thought as he had had no particular use for the gun on former trips, except to kill game, he could get along with only the axe for a weapon, for he had in his sled plenty of fresh meat for the trip. About nine o'clock the second day out from home he noticed a large gray wolf following him a short distance behind the sled. He was one of the largest of his species, and a wolf was about the only animal in that section of the country that was liable to attack a man single-handed. He followed until three o'clock in the afternoon. He probably smelled the fresh meat in the sled. George knew he had the wolf to fight, and as it would be after dark when he reached his camping ground he was afraid the wolf would attack him before he could get his fire built, and as soon as darkness came the wolf was liable to call others to his assistance. So George thought he would rather fight him while it was yet light. He unhitched his team and tied them to the sled, and being a powerful man physically, he considered he was able to do up any animal that roamed that country in a single hand combat. So he stripped off his coats and vest, took his axe, and walked quietly to meet the wolf. The wolf was sitting down a few yards behind the sled, but when he saw George start towards him, he stood up and showed his teeth, ready for a fray. When George advanced within a few feet of him, all the while steadily looking him in the eye, the wolf turned and ran, and kept running as far as he could be seen. After spending eight years in Wisconsin George moved back to his father's place in Ohio. George W. died at Normal, Illinois, in 1882.

George W. and Jane Reeder probably raised the largest family of any of the Cowan blood. They had seventeen children, eight boys and nine girls. Fourteen lived to be grown. Joseph H., the oldest of the boys, fell mortally wounded at the battle of Fort Donelson, and died the next morning. He was a member of the 11th Indiana Zouaves, a regiment

that was commanded by Colonel (afterwards General) Lewis Wallace, the author of Ben Hur.

Allen B. and Caleb T., after attending the Southwestern Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio, for two terms, served four months in the 146th Ohio Infantry in the War of the Rebellion, and each received a personal letter of thanks from Abraham Lincoln for their services. Allen B. volunteered again in the 183rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry. James C., a youth of seventeen, went with him. They were both soon promoted to the rank of non commissioned officers. After fighting in the battles of the campaign in Tennessee in 1864, Allen died of fever, and was buried at Louisville, Kentucky. At the close of the war George W. had lost all his property and seemed to have lost his faculties for accumulating more, so the management of the affairs of the ten children that were left at home fell mostly on the oldest boy, Caleb T., a boy of nineteen years. His was the master mind. He went to Illinois and rented a farm in Coles county, and the family moved there in 1866, and for ten years the struggle to educate the children was continued. The girls all became school teachers, excepting one. Caleb T. went to the West and was a contractor for a number of years in Nevada and Utah. He returned to Illinois and was in the mercantile business at Stewardson for many years. He was also postmaster there, and he is now justice of the peace.

James C. went to Texas in 1871 and helped drive 5000 head of cattle across the plains to Idaho in 1872, when they traveled 600 miles at one stretch without seeing a white man's habitation. How different it is now when one may sit in the parlors of the fine residences that dot that country to-day and listen to piano or victrola music, while in those days the only music one had was the howl of the wolf, the hissing sound of the rattlesnake, and the shrill whistle of the whippoorwill. James C. returned to Illinois, and now has his home at Harvey in that State.

Thomas C. was also a pioneer of the west. He went to western Kansas in 1871 and took up a claim where the town of Wellington now stands. He finally drifted to the Pacific Coast and died in San Francisco in 1883.

George W., Jr., graduated from the Illinois State Normal University and followed educational work for a number of years, but finally drifted into the mining business and became a mineral expert. He now lives in Idaho. Few were better judges of raw ore than George W. Reeder.

Rudolph R., youngest of the boys, is by far the best educated of the family, and probably one of the best educated of the Cowan blood. He taught school at the age of 15, was graduated from the Illinois State Normal University and was one of the faculty of that institution for several years. He also graduated from the Columbia University at New York and received the degree of Ph. D. He has written a number of books and several noted colleges are using his text books. He has been superintendent of the orphan asylum society in the city of New York for twenty years. Shortly after this country went to war with Germany the manager of civil affairs of the American Red Cross in France cabled to the Red Cross headquarters in Washington earnestly requesting the services of Dr. Reeder to inspect institutions in France and look after Belgian and French war orphans. This cable was followed by one to the trustees of the orphanage. Under the pressure of the two cablegrams the trustees did not feel that they had the right to hold Dr. Reeder, nor did he feel that he had the right to refuse his services. He took the first ship for

France after he had gotten the word to go, and he has been very successful in his work there. He had sent his younger son, Rex, on a mission to China, a lad then in his teens, but when the war began to be interesting then his Cowan blood arose. Like an old warhorse, he scented the battle afar, and hastening over the placid Pacific crossing the continent to New York, he visited at home for a few days and then volunteered in the field artillery as a private. He went to France and entered an artillery officers' training school, and was one of four out of 1600 applicants who were successful in passing the examination. Sadness entered his home Xmas of 1918 when the mother was taken. She had been failing in health for some months. All was done for her that could be done, but her disease was that of a chronic nature, and no help could be given her.

The following is a part of a letter from Rudolph Reeder, American Red Cross commissioner, written from Toul, Mourthe Maselle, France:

"I spent about three weeks in Paris inspecting institutions for the American Red Cross and also waiting for my uniform, military passes to enter the war zone, etc. I then came out to this place, which you can look up on the map. It is about 200 miles almost due east of Paris. It is in the neighborhood of interesting things going on almost every day. To day has been quite a turbulent day if one may judge by the roar of artillery. It is so far away much of the time as only to jar the windows, except when an enemy sky pilot undertakes to reconnoiter over in this direction and things get pretty lively right here. We have about 500 refugee children and 50 mothers here from districts too close to the trenches to be safe for them. The poor children have seen some hard times, but notwithstanding all that they have endured they are cheerful and very responsive to what you do for them. There are some 24 buildings in the plant, which includes a well equipped hospital and a school. It is of course only a temporary affair, for when the war is over the children and mothers will return to their homes. It is one of many pieces of relief work the American Red Cross is doing in France. About the scarcest article in the cold weather we have had is heat. All heating in the places is done by small stoves. You can imagine the condition it you should think of our cottages at the Hastings orphanage as having only one small stove each. We had quite a Christmas entertainment for the children, a tree in each building with a gift for each child and a little Christmas program. The children are delighted to show in some way their appreciation of the service Americans are rendering them, and about the only thing the little ones can do is to learn and sing American songs. In Paris the children in two or three institutions, poor little ones from Belgium, lined up and sang for me 'The Star Spangled Banner, ending up with 'Vive Amerique;' they also sang 'Away Down in Dixie.' It was very funny to hear them all come in on 'Deexee.' They take great pleasure in singing 'Teeperary.' The children that are here are nearly all quite young. They were removed from their homes because too young to wear the gas masks for their protection."

Mary L., the oldest daughter of George W. and Jane Reeder, married David Mulford, Oct. 16, 1856. To them were born nine children, five of whom with her husband preceded her to the heavenly home. In 1858 they moved from Ohio to Kansas and lived through the great drough of 1860 when there was nothing scarcely raised in the State. Most of their stock died of starvation. There were relief societies formed in the East to help the people of Kansas, but the man whose folks were well-to do received

no benefits, and of course David got nothing from that source. But David being a man who always relied on his own resources, took his team and wagon and went to the buffalo range of western Kansas. There he killed buffalo and loaded his wagon with meat and returned home, and from that time on until he raised a crop it was corn bread and buffalo meat, and that well sweetened with hunger. They were in constant fear of massacres at the time when Quantralls band of bushwhackers passed through the State near their home. Mary had her babies in the bushes to prevent their being slain. She saw Lawrence burned by Quantralls. David went with his regiment on the Powder river expedition in 1865 where they experienced hardships hardly equalled anywhere during the war. Horse and mule meat was a luxurious diet on several occasions. Added to the other hardships endured by the pioneers of the west were that of chills and fever which claimed four of their children. This influenced them to return to Ohio after twelve years having been spent in Kansas. In the spring of 1870 they moved to a little home on Shaker Hill near the school house: and here all the little school children found a friend in Aunt Mary. In 1908 they moved to Lebanon to spend the end of their days. David passed away in 1912, a year later than J. Q., the eldest son. Mary, after a short illness, passed away September 21, 1916, leaving four children, twenty-one grand children and four great grand children.

Sarena E. married William Decker. She died in 1862.

Harriet J. attended the Southwestern Normal school at Lebanon, O., and became a successful teacher in Ohio and in Illinois where she taught in the city schools for several years. She died at Decatur, Illinois, in 1893.

Annie M. was a successful teacher for many years, and now lives at Riverside, California.

Emma E. followed the dressmaking business for a number of years, and now lives at Harvey, Illinois.

Lorinda F. attended the Illinois State Normal University and became a teacher. She lives at Spokane, Washington.

Pauline B. attended the Illinois State Normal University and became a teacher. She subsequently took up the dressmaking business with success. She married Levi P. Berkstresser, of Buda, Illinois. She invented the Berkstresser System of Dress Cutting and other systems of dress cutting. Her office rooms for many years were in the Republic building, Chicago. Failing in health she tried many material remedies but to no avail. In despair she called on a Christian Science practioneer and was healed of a trouble which had been with her for a quarter of a century. She then took up the study of Christian Science earnestly, sold her dressmaking business, and has adopted Christian Science practice as her life work. She has an office in the Orchestra building in Chicago, and is First Reader of the Christian Science society at Harvey, Illinois. Her patients, who have received benefits through her understanding of Divine Mind, are numbered by the hundreds.

Annie M., the oldest daughter of Jane and Macaiah Reeder, married John Pauly. They raised five boys and two girls, all who have passed on.

Milton, the oldest boy, was a successful engineer and manufacturer of lumber, and was later a successful merchant. He married Jennie Benedict and had one son, Dr. Charles A. Pauley, who is a noted physician and surgeon at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Daniel, the second son, was a man of superior talent and had many vocations. He was with a circus, a first class engineer, a manufacturer of lumber, and a steamboat clerk and captain on the Ohio, Mississippi and Missouri rivers. He piloted the first steam boat up the Missouri river above Kansas City in the days when they dragged logs on the steamer decks with mules, for fuel for their engines. Daniel was in Kansas during the days of the border troubles, and when the War of the Rebellion broke out he was one of the first to volunteer. He soon became an officer and participated in a number of battles. He fought at Bull Run, and here is where his cool Cowan blood assisted him. He was one of the last to leave the field, and brought his men off in good order. After the war he was engaged in the detective business and also the drug business and other vocations. He married Marianna Booth. They had one son, who is a fine looking man six ft. three inches. He has been with the National Harvester Company for many years. He had charge of the Foreign Affairs, was in France three times, was there when the war broke out. Saw the Germans pass through Belgium. He was with the Foreign Minister. Said it was "crazy Americans" that tried to get passports home when the war broke out. His two offices there were turned into hospitals. Now he and another man are interested in coal mines, some thirteen, in Indiana and Illinois. He has an office in Chicago, is vice president. He is married but has no family.

William, the third son, was a hotel and livery man.

Aaron was a silversmith. He died at the age of twenty.

George, the youngest, had many vocations. He died in Warren county, Ohio, in 1917. He married Clara Frances Cox and had three children, one of whom died in infancy.

Sarah J., the oldest girl, died in girlhood.

Claudia, the youngest daughter, married Franklin Baker, who was an officer in the War of the Rebellion. They had one daughter, Annie, who married William Lacy.

Sarah D., the second daughter of Jane and Macaiah Reeder, married William John. For many years they made their home at Liberty, Indiana. Sarah died there in 1861 and was buried at Crawfordsville, Indiana, beside her father. They had no children of their own, but they raised quite a number of children to manhood and womanhood.

Harriett, the youngest daughter of Jane and Macaiah Reeder, died at Lebanon, Ohio, in 1854.

1-1, James Cowan, Sr., 1745 1828 wife Mary Russell, 1750-1820.
1 2, Jane Cowan Reeder 1778; 2-2 John Cowan, April 25, 1781, Nov. 1, '53.
1st wife Miss Sewell
1-3, Robert, age 61 years, 12 days, died September 4, 1863,
wife Rachel Baldwin, March 28, 1815, December 26, 1907.
1-4, John 1839-1915; 1st wife Mary Abbott 1-5 Basil deceased; 2-5 Charles; 3-5 John. 2nd wife Sarah Moore. 2 4 Mary Ellen, Feb. 20, 1841, May 23, 1913, wife of Benjamin Swank, Nov. 3, 1836, January 15, 1912; 1-5 Robert 1866-1867; 2-5 Etrie May 1874-1894; 3 5 Blanche, March 12, 1860, Feb. 17, 1918, wife of R. E. Schleppy, April 1, 1859; 1-6 Elija Reed, June 14, July 8, 1889; 2 6 Elsa M., May 13, 1890, wife of Cland Broaders, Jan. 21, 1890; 1 7 infant son, deceased; 3 6 Clara Ellen, May 27, Sept. 7, 1893; 4-6 and 5 6 twin boys, Nov 26, Nov 27, 1895; 6-6 infant; 4-5 Rachel, 1862, wife of D. R. Grenard; 1 6 Emerson, wife Minnie Rogers; 1 7 Elnore 2 7 Byron; 2 6 Lloyd, 1st wife Lizzie Miller; 1-7 Dorothy; 2nd wife Edith Brown; 1 7 Ellen Brown; 2 7 Helen; 3 7 Lodema; 3 6 Edith, wife of Homer Goff; 1-7 Barbara Catherine; 4 6 Eva; 5-5 Ethelyn 1863, Nov. 24, 1915, wife of Dr. Olin; 1-6 Paul Laverne 1895-1896; 2-6 Marjorie 1896-1898; 3-6 Leon Noel 1901-1904; 4 6 Edna Ray; 5 6 Rein 1905, Aug 22, 1916; 6-6 Lester, wife of Tessie Patton; 1 7 boy; 2 7 Paul; 7-6 Blanche, wife of Scott Cowan; 1-7 Byron; 2-7 Marion; 3-7 Margaret Ethelyn; 8-6 Grace, wife of Virgel Merrott; 1 7 Olin; 2-7 Russel Eugene; 9 6 Leland, wife May Harshbarger; 1-7 Helen Louise; 2 7 boy; 10-6 Leverett, wife Mary Crowder; 1-7 Kenneth; 11-6 Ruth; 6-5 P E Swank 1865, wife Emma Moore; 1 6 Edith wife of Ray Dajey; 1-7 Russell Leon; 2 6 Oscar wife of Mima Alexander, 1-7 Nellie; 7-5 Laura 1869, wife of John Hayes; 1-6 Cecil wife of Irl Hank; 1-7 Herbert Allen, Aug 23, 1918; 2-6 Rilla Ellen wife of Edgar Kimbrel; 1-7 Howard Hayes; 2 7 Bryon Grant; 3 6 (in army) Richard wife Nona VanCleave; 1-7 Helen Louise, Feb 1, 1919; 4 6 Vera; 5 6 Russell; 6 6 Opal 7-6 Robert; 8-5 Jacob Swank 1867, wife Bell Patton; 1 6 Harold, 9-5 W. D. Swank 1871, 1st wife Elfie Caliom; 1-6 Pearl 2-6 Argel; 3-6 (in army) Alonzo; 4-6 Margie; 5-6 Frances; 6-6 Vernon; 7-6 Helen. 2nd wife Minnie Acord 1 6 Mildred Zela Waneta, deceased; 10-5 Amanda, July 11, 1872, wife of Tipton Clough, Sept. 17, 1866; 1-6 (in army) Glen, July 19, 1893, wife Montona Sink 2 6 Gould, Dec 7, 1898; 3-6 Garland, Feb 24, 1900; 4-6 Gilbert, Dec 4, 1902; 3-4 William, wife Lucinda Yokum; 1-5 Henry; 2 5 John; 3 5 Dave; 4-5 Ben; 5-5 Agnes; 1-4 Sarah Ann wife of Basil Biddle, 1-5 John; 2-5 Marion; 3-5 Stephen, wife Anna Eliza Frye; 1-6 Minnie Marie; 2-6 Basil Silas; 3-6 Frank Earl; 5-4 Charles Alfred, 1916, wife Laura Harvey; 1 5 Olive wife of William Dittrick; 1-6 Charles Ryan, Sept 24, 1901; 2-6 Clarence, Nov 8th 1915; 2-5 Ethelyn wife of Frank Hiteshue; 1-6 Marjorid, Aug 6, 1909; 2 6 Earl Byshop, Feb 1, 1911; 3-6 Laura Maye, Mar 3, 1913; 4 6 baby 1916; 3 5 Albert, wife—; 1-6 Alfred; 2-6 Normond; 3 6 Mabel; 4 6 Charles; 1 5 Hettie wife of Mr. Abbott; 1-6 Marie May, October 29, 1912, 5-5 Anna Elizabeth wife of George Johnson; 1-6 Velma; 2-6 Bessie; 3-6 Goldie; 4-6 Liza; 5-6 Cleane; 6-5 Phebe wife of Mr. Holt; 1-6 Bert, 2-6 Edna, 3 6 Joseph; 7 5 Gorden 1892; 8-5 Frank 1898; 6-4 Amy Elizabeth, wife of Calvin Seals; 1-5 Mrs. Oakie Cooper; 1-6 Russell; 2-6 Robert; 3-6 Leo; 4 6 Maxie; 2-5 Anna, 1st husband John Thomas; 1-6 Gilbert; 2-6 Lester, 2nd husband Daniel Valentine; 3-5 Bert or Bon; 4-5 George; 5-5 Dora wife of Charles Dwilla;

1-6 Dollie; 2-6 Joseph; 3-6 Chlore; 7-4 Elias B. age 2 yrs 1 month and 20 days, July 22, 1839; 8-4 James A. age 7 years, 7 months, Sept 3, 1853; 2-3 Thomas Cowan, Dec 23, 1809, July 16, 1873, wife Delila McFarland, Nov 11, 1821, April 9, 1876; 1-4 Albert Bruce, Oct 1, 1854, Aug 31, 1916; 3-3 James 1st wife Lydia—; 1-4 Elizabeth Ann wife of Caswell Endicott (in army); 1-5 Edward; 2-5 Albert; 3-5 Phebe; 4-5 John; 2-4 (in army) Charles Newton; 3-4 Harriett Jane wife of James Shehi; 1-5—; 2-5—; 4-4 (in army) John Russell, deceased; 5-4 Phebe Charlotte wife of James Shannon; 6-4 James Miller, 1st wife—, 2nd wife—; 4-3 David; 5-3 Polly wife of Mr. Hart; 6-3 girl; 2-2 John Cowan 2nd wife Sarah French, birth Feb 9, 1788, death Dec 13, 1851; 1-3 Miller, wife—; 2-3 Elizabeth, Jan 1821, age 35 years; 3-3 Moses, Sept 16, 1822, April 29, 1910, wife Sarah Ann Billings; 1-4 Mary Elmira, March 4, 1848, Nov 27, 1877, wife of Stephen Phlips; 1-5 Arthur, infant; 2-5 Phebe Eliza, 1st husband Mr. White, 1-6 Adaline; 2nd husband Alex Moir, 1-6 Martha. 2-4 Evaline A., Aug 5, 1819, wife of John McCurdy; 1-5 Flora, May 28, 1869, wife of Isaac H. Horne; 3-4 Icephena D., Dec 2, 1851, wife of Edward Cade; 1-5 Thomas Henry, wife Francis; 1-6, 2-6, 3-6, 4-6, deceased; 5-6 John T.; 6-6 Mary F.; 2-5 Estella, 5 years; 3-5 Arthur E., wife Cora Seeley; 1-6 Vera; 2-6 Velma; 3-6 Ida Ree; 4-5 James wife Sadie Corbis; 1-6 Knowlton; 2-6 Theodore; 3-6 John; 4-6 Helen; 5-6 Marietta; 5-5 Edith, wife of Arthur Davis; 1-6 deceased; 2-6 Marguerite; 3-6 John; 4-6 Mabel; 5-6 Stella; 6-5 Mary, wife of Reuben Kirkham; 7-5 Ida, wife of John Rudolph; 1-6 Wanda; 4-4 Henry H., Feb 22, 1854, wife Myra Hill; 1-5 Harry Hill wife Irene Woolley; 1-6 Delos; 2-6 Caroline; 3-6 Lorrene; 2-5 Claude wife Beulah Bayne; 3-5 Nina; 4-5 Della; 5-5 Hazel; 5-4 Luther, Feb 9, 1856, June 12, 1908, wife Josephine Reeher; 1-5 Maude, deceased, wife of Oscar Vaudivort; 1-6 Maurice; 2-5 Mable wife of Harry Elbrader; 1-6 adopted Maurice Vandivort; 6-4 Elisha, Nov 24, 1858, Aug 13, 1859; 7-4 Jesse Moses, May 30, 1860, wife Jennie O'Neill; 1-5 infant; 2-5 infant; 3-5 infant; 4-5 Esda Lenore; 5-5 Guy Leslie; 6-5 Fredrick; 8-4 Ida Rebecca, Dec 12, 1862, April 14, 1902, wife of George T. Fenn; 1-5 Gertrude Pearl, 1886-1902; 2-5 Elbridge, infant; 3-5 and 4-5 twins, Frances, Nov 17, 1893, March 4, 1894; Florence, Nov 17, 1893, wife of Emile Lechieve; 1-6 Louisa; 9-4 Ada Cordelia, Mar 16, 1865, wife of Charles Kendrick; 1-5 son, 1897; 4-3 Amy, Sept 24, 1823, June 14, 1908, wife of Luther Watson; 1-4 Henry, infant; 2-4 George, wife Grace Warner; 1-5 Helen; 2-5 Lida; 3-5 Raymond; 4-5 James; 3-4 Adam, wife Laura Nelson; 1-5 Vesta; 4-4 Ellen; 5-3 Elmira, Sept 23, 1824, Aug 1893, wife of Parsons Russell; 1-4 William Lloyd; 2-4 Theodore Parker, 1898, wife Bertha Vogelesang, 1-5 son; 2-5 daughter; 6-3 William, Dec 7, 1827, Oct 7, 1841.

John Cowan, the eldest son of James Cowan, Sr., was born April 25, 1781, and died Nov. 8, 1853. For his first wife he married Miss Sewell. To this union there came a number of children.

Robert, the eldest son of John Cowan by the first marriage. He was sixty-one years and twelve days old when he passed away, which was September 21, 1863. He was a farmer, was a strict Presbyterian; would not even allow his boys to whistle or play on Sunday. He married Rachel Baldwin, and to this union there came six children, three sons and three daughters. He was buried in the Potts cemetery. His wife, Rachel, was a member of the Liberty Christian church. She passed away December 26, 1907, and is at rest by his side in the Potts cemetery.

Thomas, born Dec. 23, 1809, died July 16, 1873. While a young man he went west with his father He could not agree with his father's second wife, so one day while hauling logs he failed to return home, but went to Wisconsin with a cousin and his family. After living there for a while he came back to Ohio and ran a saw mill. He had two wagons made and sent one to his father which was supposed to replace the one he took when a young man. He married Delila McFarland, daughter of Congressman Daniel McFarland, and to this union there came one son, Albert Bruce Cowan, who never married; departed this life Aug. 31, 1916.

James was married twice and had six children by the first marriage. He lived in the west.

David, history unknown.

Polly, history unknown, only that Aunt Polly married a Mr. Hart.

Girl, history unknown.

John Cowan married Sarah French, of Springdale, near Cincinnati, for his second wife. To this union there came a number of children.

Miller, the eldest son by the second marriage, married and lived in Wisconsin; had no family.

Elizabeth, born 1821, died single at the age of about thirty-five.

Moses, the second son of the second marriage, was born Sept. 16, 1822 and died April 29, 1910; was married to Sarah Ann Billings, July 1, 1847. Nine children blessed this union; all living to have families of their own.

Amy was born Sept. 21, 1823, died Jan. 11, 1908, married Luther Watson and had four children

Elmira was born Sept. 23, 1824; died Aug 1893; married Parsons Russell and had two sons.

William, the youngest child of the second marriage, born Dec. 7, 1827; died Oct. 7, 1844.

1 1 James Cowan, Sr., 1745-1828, wife Mary Russell 1750-1820.
1-2 Jane Cowan Reeder 1778; 2-2 John Cowan 1781-1853; 3 2 Charles Cowan Feb. 10, 1784, Jan 16, 1850, wife Jane White McPherson July 12, 1791, Feb 21, 1873; 1-3 John Newton Dec 3, 1810. July 1, 1881, 1st wife Eleanor Braden died in 35th year, 1848; 1-4 Mary Jane, July 14, 1837, Feb 11, 1900, wife of John Hill; 1-5 Twin Eva, July 14, 1873, 1st husband Elmer Mount; 1-6 Florence 1895 Jan 11, wife of Robert Church (in army.) 2nd husband Walter Cory; 1-6 Robert John Sept 22, 1898, June 7, 1914; 2-6 Edward Dec 24, 1901; 3-6 Mary Ellen, Nov 3, 1904, Mar 2, 1906; 4-6 Alexander, Feb 27, 1907; 5-6 Paul Allen, Oct 21, 1909, Dec 12, 1909; 1-5 Twin Lizzie, July 14, 1873, wife of Brazier Brown; 1-6 Harvey Newton, June 1, 1903; 2-6 Minnie Florence, Nov. 23, 1906· 2-4 Margaret Ann, Nov 21, 1839, Feb 25, 1916, wife of James McCoy; 1-5 John Stephen, Sept 3, 1861, wife— ; 1-6 William; 2 6 Sanford; 3-6 Ralph; 4-6 Milo; 5-6 girl; 6-6 girl; 2-5 infant daughter Jan 28, 1864; 3-5 Ellen A., April 5 1865; 4-5 Ida Jane, Oct 5, 1867, wife of Abe Krause; 1-6 Gladys; 5-5 Charles Franklin, Oct 5, 1870, wife—; 1-6 Harry Jennings, Mar 11, 1897; 2-6 Mabel Rebecca, July 13, 1899; 3-6 Charles Marvin, Nov 11, 1911; 4 6 Thresa Mary, Jan 27, 1914; 6-5 Annie L., April 15, 1873, Jan 28, 1882; 7-5 Rosa A., Jan 1, 1876, Jan 6, 1879; 8-5 Mary C., June 13, 1879, Jan 26, 1882; 3-4 Charles Samuel, April 10, 1842, May 19, 1913, 1st wife Louisa M. Smith, June 1, 1895; 1-5 Lottie Ellen 1868-1869; 2-5 Maretta Jane or Janie Oct 6, 1872; 3-5 Robert, Sept 2, 1878, wife Florence Spore; 1-6 Carl Spore, deceased; 2-6 Twin Charles Robert, 1914; 3-6 Twin Raymond Isaac, 1914; 2nd wife Amanda Steward; 1-3 John Newton's 2nd wife Dorthy Groenendyke, Dec 8, 1825, Mar 28, 1857; 1-4 Hannah Caroline, Jan 24, 1850, March 10, 1880, wife of John Zook; 1-5 Cora, Feb 23, 1871, wife of Bruce Rose; 1-6 Pearl, Feb 22, 1897, wife of Reed Ramey; 1-7 Katheryn Louise, Dec 1, 1916, 2-7 Ermal Bruce, Feb 20, 1918, 2-6 Paul, Oct 16, 1899; 2-5 Oscar Z., Feb 10, 1878, April 12, 1904, wife Pearle Lofland now Mrs. Alexander; 1-6 John Chase, April 26, 1913; 3-5 Harry Z., Feb 17, 1880, July 11, 1905, wife Florence Young; 2-4 Peter G., Oct 16, 1851, wife Elizabeth Stout; 1-5 Eva, deceased; 2-5 Carrie May, Jan 27, 1884, wife of Fred Endean; 1-6 June; 2-6 Merle; 3-5 Frank L., Sept 26, 1886, Oct 23, 1918, wife Lily Wilhite; 1 6 Vivian; 2-6 Ralph Wilson; 3-6 Dallas, deceased; 3 4 James Newton, July 29, 1854, April 19, 1891, wife Sarah Quick; 1-5 Lena Pearl, Sept 9, 1881, wife of Bert Fuller; 1-6 Harold; 2-6 Paul; 3-6 Garold Newton, Sept 1, 1917; 2-5 Bessie Mabel, May 8, 1881, wife of Fred Brown; 3-5 Grace, Aug 12, 1887; 1-3 John Newton's 3rd wife Rebecca Ellen Bratton, Sept 9, 1823, Dec 25, 1913; 1-4 Adaline Virginia, Nov 3, 1861, wife of Cheever Orlease Hill, July 9, 1859; 1-5 Ethel Esther, April 5, 1896, adopted daughter; 2-4 John Bratton, May 27, 1863, Mar 26, 1917, wife Margaret Elnora Messmore, Sept 3, 1864, 1-5 Lawrence Scott; Jan 23, 1886, wife Blanche Olin; 1-6 Byron; 2-6 Walter Marion; 3 6 Margaret Ethelyn; 2-5 Walter Harrison, Oct 22, 1887, wife Carrie Sumner, Nov 28, 1918; 3-5 Andrew Merle (in army) June 20, 1896; 4 5 John Hubert, Sept 25, 1907; 2-3 William H., Aug 12, 1812, Sept 5, 1884, 1st wife Eliza Potts, Dec 25, 1813; 1-4 Sarah Jane, April 25, 1837, July 27, 1896, wife of Lindsay McCoy, Oct 2, 1868, Mar 3, 1894; 1-5 William 1856, wife Lucy Jones; 1 6 May; 2-5 George R , Oct 14, 1858—1918, wife Mary Thomas; 1-6 Wanneta Blanche, Sept 14, 1886, wife of J. A. Snyder; 1-7 Helen Bernice 1910. 2-7 Corwin Smith, 1911, 3-7 Mary Aljean, 1913; 3 5 Sarah Eliza, Aug 28, 1860, 1st husband P. H. Plunkett; 1-6 Bertha, Dec 8, 1881, wife of George

Lannum; 1-7 Kathlan; 2-7 Helen; 2-6 Everett, Jan 31, 1883, wife— ; 1-7 Orres; 2-7 Clela; 3-6 Ethel, Sept 23, 1885; 4-6 Bine (in army) Mar 17, 1891; 5-6 Lora (in army) Aug 24, 1896; 6-6 infant daughter; 7-6 infant son. 2nd husband J. C. Layman; 4-5 Elizabeth McCoy, Feb 16, 1864, wife of Stephen Utterback, Oct 14, 1864; 1-6 Lester, Jan 14, 1884, wife Elva Jones; 2-6 Effie, Feb 8, 1888, wife of Charles Phillips; 1-7 Mary Elizabeth Phillips; 3-6 Mayme, Sept 10, 1891; 4-6 Leva, July 5, 1896, wife of Avery Merrill; 1-7 boy; 5-6 Dottie, Aug 31, 1899; 6-6 Raymond, Oct 20, 1901, deceased; 5-5 Alice McCoy, Aug 24, 1865; wife of Joseph Faust; 1-6 Cecil T., Nov. 7, 1890, Jan 25, 1906; 2-6 triplets, Mar 21, 1896, son and two daughters; 2-4 David, June 16, 1839, Dec 12, 1884, wife Miranda Jane Williams, April 7, 1839; 1-5 William Edgar, Dec 25, 1855, wife Ida Elizabeth Sanders; Sept 9, 1872· 1-6 Ruth Anna, Aug 13, 1896; 2-6 Eulula Sue, June 5, 1899, Jan 18, 1902; 3-6, Nina Marguerite, July 31, 1901; 4-6 Mary Elizabeth, April 25, 1904; 5-6 Laurence Edgar, Aug 16, 1906; 6-6 Maurice Delsworth, April 25, 1911; 7-6 William Nolan, March 5, 1914, April 24, 1917; 2-5 Ellen Delphena, Jan 29, 1867, wife of Harry Micheals; 3-5 George Allen, Dec 8, 1868, wife Grace May Vanscoy, Dec 21, 1881, Feb 13, 1916· 1-6 David Russell, May 5, 1900; 2-6 Elmer Lee, May 10, 1902; 3-6 Lelia Faye, March 6, 1904; 4-6 Nora Catherine, April 1, 1918; 5-6 Harry Allen, Jan 4, 1910; 6-6 Emma Vanscoy, Aug 28, 1914; 4-5 Anna Bell June 26, 1872, wife of Charles Harshbarger; 1-6 Grover (in army) Aug 15, 1892, wife Marie Cope; 2-6 Lydia Mae, July 24, 1897, wife of Leland Olin; 1-7 Helen Louise; 2-7 boy; 3-6 Lloyd A., March 2, 1899; 4-6 Ralph C. April 10, 1906; 5-6 Ethel M., Feb 16, 1912; 5-5 Minnie Josephine, Nov 7, 1873 wife of Guy Widner; 1-6 Hazel E., Feb 13, 1897; 2-6 John E., July 29, 1898; 3-6 Bethel M., Sept 29, 1899; 4-6 Alice C., Dec. 25, 1901; 5-6 Paul J., March 9, 1904; 6-6 Mary, 1905; 7-6 Haro'd, June 17, 1908; 3-4 James Westly, March 31, 1846, wife Mary Elizabeth Hendricks, June 12, 1849; 1-5 Theres Nettie, May 9, 1882, wife of Howard Manuel, March 15, 1878; 1-6 Dwight C., Dec 28, 1902, March 4, 1904; 2-6 Clarence C., Oct 16, 1905; 3-6 Faye Elizabeth, Oct 26, 1908; 4-6 Cletus Loren, Oct. 5, 1911; 5-6 James L., Feb 6, 1915; 4-4 Twin boys, Feb 6, 1848; Charles, Feb 6, 1848, Dec 24, 1898; William, wife Martha Smelser; 1-5 Faye, Jan 6, 1888, June 30, 1908; 2-5 Luella, Nov 11, 1878, wife of Stephen Beaver; 1-6 Marion C., Nov 24, 1896; 2-6 Mary A., March 13, 1898, 3-6 Mabel B., Sept 26, 1900; 2-3 William, 2nd wife Rebecca Jameson; 3-3 Mary, Aug 8, 1814, July 19, 1883, wife of John Knox, 1809-1876; 1-4 Margaret Jane 1839, wife of James Brown; 1-5 Jeanette, 1874, wife of Prof. Jos Lyle; 1-6 Horace; 2-6 Darrell; 2-5 Twins girl; Orvil, Feb 17, 1877, wife Clara Seiker, April 28, 1880; 1-6 Louis James Brown, Aug 19, 1916; 2-4 Martha, 1842, wife of Dr. Rush Carley (civil war) 1-5 Mary, 1871-1893, wife of George Bishop; 1-6 Lucy, wife of Walter Luti; 1-7 boy; 2-5 Lulu, wife of James Scott; 1-6 Jim; 3-4 Eva, 1853, wife of Boyd Forman; 1-5 Mary Jane, wife of Charles O Porter; 1-6 Olma, deceased; 2-6 boy; 2-5 Wilma Bell, wife of Howard Whitemore; 1-6 Lloyd; 2-6 Roberta; 3-6 child; 3-5 Georgia Pearl, wife of Cecil Demmo; 1-6 child; 4-4 Charles 1845-1910; 4-3 Joseph, Aug 10, 1816, Feb 15, 1863, wife Rebecca Todhunter, July 11, 1818, Jan 8, 1876; 1-4 Lucy, April 26, 1849, Jan 23, 1872; 2-4 Emma Mayretta, May 2, 1854, April 14, 1855; 5-3 James Hen , Aug 22, 1819, Sept 7, 1848, wife Eliza Williams; 1-4 Ann Eliza, April 21, 1848, wfie of Smith Mulford, 1840-1896; 1-5 Lester, wife Lizzie Snook; 1-6 Eva; 2-6 Faye;

3-6 Smith; 2-5 Effie, March 28, 1874, May 14, 1916, wife of Samuel Irons; 1-6 Miriam, wife of William Suemening; 2-6 Julia, wife of Jake Baker; 1-7 Robert Olin, July 23, 1917; 3-6 Lee; 4-6 Irene; 3-5 Rollin, wife Lucile Elizabeth Laney; 6-3 Eliza Ann, Aug 8, 1821, May 1890, wife of James Smith, 1814-1891; 1-4 Amelia, 1840, deceased, 1st husband Rev. Neff; 1-5 Lula, deceased, wife Mr. McCormick; 1-6 boy; 2-6 boy; 3-6 Dorthy; 2-5 Flora, 1866-1875; 2nd husband Daniel McCellen; 2-4 Allie 1854-1884, wife of Simon Stine Bassalier; 1-5 Raymond, wife Clara; 1-6 boy Robert; 2-5 Bert, deceased, Vancouver, wife —; 1-6 girl; 2-6 boy; 3-6 boy; 3-5 Emma Florence, deceased; 4-5 Bess, government work Washington; 3-4 Joseph, 1845-1916; 1st wife Mary Noise; 2nd wife Mattie Noise; 1-4 Albert 1848-1854; 7-3 Sarah Ellen, July 1, 1825, July 16, 1896, wife of William Harrison Downey, Oct 6, 1816, April 25, 1894; 1-4 Alice Jane, 1846-1848; 2-1 boy, 1847; 3-4 Laura Delphina, Nov 4, 1849, wife of Mosley Brooks (civil war) 1-5 Minnie Dell, 1870, wife of George Alfred Looney, 1863; 1-6 Dell Bernice, 1894-1896; 2-6 Don Brooks 1896; 2-5 Cora Deane, 1871-1905, wife of John Titsworth; 1-6 Russell Brooks 1897 (in army); 2-6 Gladys 1898; 3-6 Harold 1903; 3-5 Harry Downey 1873, wife Elsie Holowell; 4-5 Edith Ellen, 1875, wife of Dempsey Norris; 1-6 Thelma, 1902; 2-6 Frieda 1903; 3-6 Harry Brooks, 1905; 5-5 Ida Florence, 1878-1897; 6-5 Moray Chester, 1880-1881; 7-5 William Mosley, 1884, wife Maxie M. Griffin; 1-6 William Mosley, 1912; 2-6 Harriett Jane, 1914; 3-6 Howard Edward; 8-5 Leslie Raymond, 1887, wife Jessie Winslip; 1-6 Robert Kennedy 1908-1912; 2-6 John Russell, 1909; 3-6 Joy Louise, 1913-1914; 9-5 Sydney Monroe, 1888-1912; 10-5 Robert infant 1891; 1-4 Florence Adelia, Oct 18, 1851, wife of Charles Henry Lyons; 1-5 Elsie Florence 1881, wife of Frank Huber; 1-6 Eva Pauline, 1900; 2-6 Roy Carrol, 1904; 3-6 Marguerite, 1907; 2-5 Bertha Nell 1883, 2nd wife of John Titsworth; 1-6 Russell, 2-6 Gladys, 3-6 Harold, step children; 3-5 Clarence Blaine 1887 (in army); 5-4 Eva Gertrude, June 26, 1853, wife of Harrison Smith Carney, Aug 18, 1838 (civil war); 1-5 Harriet Ellen, Jan 27, 1880, wife of Orville R. Zimmer, Jan 19, 1880; 2-5 Charles Garfield, July 26, 1881, wife Grace Wilson; 1-6 Dwight Weldon, Jan 26, 1904; 2-6 Florence Gertrude, Nov 26, 1905; 3-6, Harrison Smith, jr., April 22, 1912; 3-5 Zora Martha, Sept 23, 1891; 6-4 Alma Zelaide, March 30, 1855, 1st husband Benjamin Hunt; 1-5 Harry Clyde, 1878-1907. 2nd husband William R. Hunt in army; 1-5 William Robinson, 1891, wife Miriam Grindle; 1-6 Dorthy Dean, 1913; 7-4 Thomas Jefferson, Jan 5, 1857, wife Alice Wellman; 1-5 Stella, 1885, wife of Ernest Coffield; 8-4 Zora Leota, Aug 21, 1859, March 18, 1901; 9-4 Charles Ormsby, Nov. 14, 1862, April 28, 1885, 8-3 Charles Russell, April 5, 1827, March 20, 1875, wife Judah Hall, March 9, 1831, July 15, 1899; 1-4 Mary Melissa, Nov 13, 1851, Feb 20, 1877; 2-4 Marilla Jane, Sept 23, 1853, wife of John C Blin, May 17, 1853; 1-5 Edna M., March 3, 1886, wife of Charles Beck, April 22, 1885; 1-6 Curtis Blin, Sept 1913; 2-6 Helen Bernice, Oct 4, 1916; 2-5 Elva May, June 16, 1888, wife of Charles Allen, May 29, 1885; 1-6 Evelyn Jean, infant, Dec 11, 1915; 3-4 Anna Loretta, 1856-1861; 4-4 Minnie Alice, Sept 11, 1861, wife of James A. Sellers, Nov 30, 1852; 1-5 Charles Raymond Sept 19, 1887, wife Helen I. Earnhart, June 6, 1895; 2-5 Eldred J., Dec 22,

1890, (in army); 3-5 Julia E., April 20, 1893; 5-4 Carrie Elvia, Nov 12, 1865, May 4, 1899, 1st wife of Peter Miller; 9-3 David Rice, Jan 16, 1829, July 31, 1887, wife Amy Thompson, Dec 14, 1829, May 17, 1910; 1-4 baby; 2-4 Ida May, Sept 29, 1864, March 19, 1916; 3-4 Harry Elmer, June 8, 1870, wife Lida Keever, June 18, 1870; 1-5 David Elmer, Dec 18, 1894, 2-5 Marian Keever, March 26, 1896; 3-5 Amy Rhoda, May 16, 1899; 4-5 Harriet Ellen, Aug 21, 1905.

Charles R was the second son and third child of James Cowan, sr., and Mary Russell Cowan, born Feb. 10, 1784, and died Jan. 16, 1850. He married Jane White McPherson, and to this union there came nine children.

John Newton, the eldest son, was born Dec. 3, 1810, and died July 1, 1881. He was married three times: July 28, 1836, was united to Ellen Braden; to this union two daughters and a son came, all living to rear families of their own. On Jan 25, 1848, his wife died. After waiting a year he married Dorthy Groenendyke, and to this second marriage there came a daughter and two sons. All lived to rear families of their own. On March 28, 1857, the second wife passed away, and after waiting about 3 years he married for the third and last time Rebecca Bratton. A son and daughter blessed this union.

William was born Aug. 12, 1812, died Sept. 5, 1884; was married twice. On May 19, 1876, to Eliza Potts; four sons and a daughter came to this home. All lived to rear families of their own. There was no family by the second marriage with Rebecca Jameson

Mary, the eldest daughter of Charles and Jane White McPherson Cowan, born Aug. 8, 1814, died July 19, 1883; was married to John Knox, Dec. 8, 1836; three daughters and a son gladdened this home.

Joseph, the third son, was born Aug. 10, 1816, and died Feb. 15, 1863; was a cabinet maker by trade; married Rebecca Todhunter on Jan. 2, 1839; two daughters came to this home, Emma Mayretta, who lived only about a year, and Lucy, who died when in the early twenties.

James Hew, the fourth son, was born Aug. 1819, and died Sept. 7, '48. He was united in marriage to Eliza Williams and in 1848 a daughter, Ann Eliza, came to cheer them.

Eliza Ann, the second daughter, born Aug. 8, 1821, and died May 1890; on Oct. 12, 1842, she married James Smith, and two sons and two daughters came to this home.

Sarah Ellen, the third daughter, was born July 1, 1825, near Lebanon, Ohio, on the old homestead, and died July 16, 1896, near New Salem, Rush county, Indiana; was united in marriage to William Harrison Downey, Aug. 13, 1845. Mr. Downey was born in Virginia near Woodstock, Shanandoak county, Oct. 6, 1816, and died near New Salem, Ind., April 25, '94. They spent the first few years of their married life in and near Lebanon, Ohio. About 1850 they emigrated to Indiana and settled near New Salem, where they continued to live the remainder of their lives. They were very successful and at their death they had brought about 500 acres of land in Rush county. To this union there came nine children, the three eldest were born near Lebanon, Ohio, and the other six near New Salem, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Downey and their descendants are members of the Christian (Disciple) church.

Charles Russell, the eighth child of Charles and Jane White McPher-

son Cowan, born April 5, 1827, died March 20, 1875. By the father's will the two younger boys Charles and David, were to care for their mother her lifetime. Charles married Judah Hall, daughter of John W. and Marilla Eddy Hall, March 7, 1850. They lived on the homestead till 1856 when he bought a farm nearby. Five daughters blessed this home. Two died in youth. Three married, but only two lived and reared families of their own.

David Rice, the youngest child, was born Jan. 16, 1829, on the old homestead, and there lived all his life Died in '87. By his father's request he and his brother Charles were to care for the mother her lifetime. In 1856 he married Amy A. Thompson, daughter of John H. Thompson. An infant, a daughter and a son came to this home, the daughter devoting her life to her parents; passed away in 1916, the son being the only one left of that family. He lives on the old homestead which was bought Dec. 10, 1800, and was a part of the Great Miami Purchase.

1-1 James Cowan, Sr., 1745-1828 Dec 21, wife Mary Russell 1750-1820; 1-2 Jane Cowan Reeder 1778; 2 2 John Cowan 1781-1853; 3-2 Charles Cowan 1784-1850; 4-2 James Cowan, Jr., Oct 18, 1787, Feb 25, 1873, 1st wife Mary French, 1792-1826; 1 3 Aaron K. 1821-1867, 1st wife Elviria Hart; 1-4 Mary Eliza, deceased, wife of Stephen McGregge; 2 4 Elviaral, wife of James Durham; 1-5 child, deceased; 2-5 child, deceased; 2nd wife Sarah Crist: 1-4 Ellen wife of Mr. Whittington; 1-5 boy; 2-5 Josie; 3-5 girl; 2-1 Clara, 1916, wife of R. H. Hodgkin; 1-5 boy; 2-5 Ethel wife of Andy Stilwell, 1 6 Frieda 2-6 Robert; 3-6 Margaret; 4-6 Burrell; 3-5 Jessie Maude 1883-1917 wife of Roy Deere * cousins; 1-6 Fern; 2-6 Everette; 3-6 Janice; 4 6 Earl, deceased; 5-6 Dorthy; 6-6 Francis; 7-6 Leroy; 4-5 Nellie, wife of Irvin Deere * cousins; 1-6 Josephine; 2-6 Helen; 5-5 Mary wife of William Burgess; 6-5 Robert Earl, wife— 7-5 Nelia wife of Mr. Wheat; 8-5 Ruth Hodgkin; 3-4 Florence; 4-4 George Mead wife Jessie Kritz; 2-3 George W. 1815-1835; 3 3 Ralph E. 1817-1838; 4-3 Eliza Jane, Sept 20, 1819, Oct 17, 1887, wife of William Hart; 1-4 Twins, Allen Battie, infant; Mary, wife of John Israel; 1-5 Pearley; 2-5 Ellen; 3-4 Frankie or Frances, wife of Charles Means; 4 4 Anna Eliza, wife of Hamilin Monical; 1-5 Fred; 5-4 Aletha, wife of Moses Israel; 1-5 James; 2-5 Earl; 3-5 Clem; 4-5 Zota; 6-4 John infant; 7 4 William Hart, wife Eliza Wathan; 1-5 James; 2 5 Cora; 3-5 Carrie; 4-5 Clinton; 5 5 Albert; 6-5 Minnie; 8 4 Lucy, wife of Anda Morrison; 9-4 James, infant; 10-4 Hattie, wife of John Alexander; 1-5 Ada; 2-5 Clyde; 3-5 Mertle; 4-5 Lew; 5 3 Allen Battie, 1827-1845; 6-3 twins, deceased, James, Mary; 4 2 James, Jr., 2nd wife Lydia Mix, 1802-1892; 1 3 James Milton, 1831, Nov 21, 1859, wife Armindal Earhart; 1-4 Eva, Dec 18, 1854, 2nd wife of Oscar Keever; 2-4 Georgia, boy, 1856; 3-4 Howard Ellis, Feb 4, 1858, 1st wife Ella Hagerman, 2nd wife Lizzie Keever Cox; 4 4 James Albert, Sept 3, 1859, wife Lydia Stokes; 1-5 James Rice (in army) wife Esther Della Marshall; 2-5 Carl, wife Jennie Hamilton; 1-6 Glenn Lillian, June 17, 1917; 3-5 Walter Scott, wife Hilda Simpson; 1-6 James Edward, Nov 27, 1917; 2 6 Harold Elden, June 15, 1919; 4-5 Clarence, wife Erma McVey; 5-5 Arthur, wife Bernice Hall; 6 5 Ellis Leroy, 1900-1902; 2-3 Ann Mirah 1833 1907, 1st husband Amos Bennett, 2nd husband Francis Jefferies; 3 3 Mary Frances, 1834, Oct 31, 1863; 4-3 Sarah Drusilla, 1837, June 16, 1917; 5 3 Charles Russell, Dec 14, 1840, Jan 9, 1919; 6-3 Alfred, 20 months, 18 43 1845.

James Cowan, Jr., was born Oct 18, 1787, near Harper's Ferry, Va. He came to Ohio with his father in 1800. In 1814 he married Mary French for his first wife; seven children blessed this union.

Aaron K., the eldest son, was born in the year of 1821 and died in the year of 1867. He married for his first wife Elviria Hart in 1844, and had two daughters. He married for his second wife Sarah Crist. There were three daughters and a son by this marriage. Aaron died near Wayeland, Indiana.

George W. and Ralph E. went South when young men, to see the country. They sickened and died while in Mississippi.

Eliza Jane, the eldest daughter, was born in 1819 and died in 1887, age 68 years 27 days. She married William Hart, and to this union there came ten children.

Allen Battie, born in 1827, died in 1845.

Twins, deceased, James, Mary.

James, Jr., after the death of his first wife, Mary French, in 1826, became acquainted with Lydia Mix, formerly of Vermont, having came to Ohio to keep house for her brother George Mix and to care for his three children. In 1830 she married James Cowan, Jr., and six children blessed this home.

James Milton, the eldest son, born in 1831 and died in 1859. He married Armindal Earhart. He died when a young man, leaving a widow and four little children.

Ann Mirah, second child of the second marriage, born in 1833 and died in 1907; was married to Amos Bennett for the first time and to Frances Jefferies for the second time.

Mary Frances, daughter of James, Jr., and Lydia Mix Cowan, was born in 1834 and died in 1863.

Sarah Drusilla, youngest daughter of James, Jr., and Lydia Mix Cowan, died June 16, 1917. The date of her birth is unknown, as she would never tell what the year was; the nearest she ever disclosed it was to the author of this book, the year before she died. She was relating of olden times. This particular instance was how the cousins use to visit back and forth from the different States. That they would think nothing of hitching two horses to a wagon, loading in the family and coming from Indiana to Ohio on a visit. She told how she, her brothers and sisters would play with John Newton's children and she ended by saying "And I was older than Mary Jane."

[How old was Sarah Drusilla? Mary Jane was born July 14, 1837, and died Feb. 4, 1900.]

Charles Russell, son of James, Jr., and Lydia Mix Cowan, born Dec. 14, 1840, and died Jan. 9, 1919. He did his war duty by caring for his aged parents and tilling of the soil. He was an upright man in every respect; was the last of the third generation of James Cowan, Senior.

1-1 James Cowan, Senior, 1745-1828, wife Mary Russell 1750-1820; 1-2 Jane Cowan Reeder 1778; 2-2 John Cowan 1781-1853; 3-2 Charles Cowan 1784-1850; 4-2 James Cowan, Jr., 1787-1873; 5-2 William Cowan 1791-1824, wife Rebecca Whitehill, Oct 21, 1796, April 13, 1838; 1-3 Mary Ann, Aug 19, 1825, Sept 18, 1888, wife of Judge James Goode, Jan 1822, April 1891; 1-4 Jane Whitehill, March 21, 1850, July 23, 1851; 2-4 Elizabeth, Aug 7, 1851, April 24, 1894; 3-4 Frank Cowan, Sept 12, 1853, Nov. 23, 1887, wife Jane McKnight; 1-5 Edith Jeannette, Nov 13, 1882; 4-4 Alice Rogers, Sept 16, 1855, wife of Edward Benedict Cobb; 5-4 Mary Poague, Aug 18, 1860, wife of John B. Baskin; 1-5 Burwell Goode, Sept 2, Sept 16, 1884; 2-5 infant; 3-5 Elsie Ratledge, Dec 23, 1887, wife of Huntington Adams; 6-4 twins, James Burwell Goode, July 28, 1864, April 26, 1867; Edith Smith Goode, July 28, 1864, Sept 11, 1865.

William Cowan was the youngest child of James, Sr., and Mary Russell Cowan; born 1791 in Berkley county, Virginia, near Harper's Ferry. When a child, he came to Ohio with his parents. He married Rebecca Whitehill, Nov. 9, 1824.

Rebecca was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, Oct. 21, 1796. She came to Warren county, Ohio, with her brothers and sisters in 1815. They lived near where James Cowan, Sr., settled. She died April 13, 1838. William Cowan receiving lands from his father in Greene county, there he settled. He died April 28, 1834, leaving one child, Mary Ann Cowan, known in G. Brown Goode's "Virginia Cousins" as "Elizabeth."

Mary Ann married James S. Goode, Nov. 1848. Of this branch of the James Cowan, Sr., family there only remains four living descendants.

SOLDIERS

REVOLUTIONARY WAR

James Cowan, Sr., was in the militia during this war; was at Yorktown when Cornwallis' surrendered. He dug trenches at night. They were dug at right angles in front of the enemy.

WAR OF 1812

1. James Cowan, Jr., volunteered to help defend our northern frontier from Indian depredations when the surrender of General Hull had unexpectedly deprived us of our army. In November of 1812 while on the banks of the Auglaize some twelve miles from Defiance, a comrade and near neighbor, Eleazer Lamson, was severely wounded, and though their time had nearly expired, Cowan and Ben H. Spinning, another neighbor in the same county, agreed to stay and nurse Lamson. He died about Christmas, and he was the only one in that war from this immediate neighborhood.

2. Macaiah Reeder was among the first to volunteer.

CIVIL WAR

3. John H. Reeder died in the war of the Rebellion at Nashville, Tennesse, in 1864.

4. Joseph H. Reeder fell mortally wounded at the battle of Fort Donelson, and died the next morning. He was a member of the 11th Indiana Zouaves commanded by Colonel or General Lewis Wallace, the author of "Ben Hur."

5. Allen B Reeder served four months in the 146th Ohio Infantry.

6. Caleb T. Reeder served four months in the 146th Ohio Infantry.

7. Allen B. Reeder again volunteered in the 183rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry; was a non-commissioned officer; in battles in Tennessee in 1864. Took the fever, died, and was buried at Louisville, Kentucky.

8. James C. Reeder, a non-commissioned officer in the 183rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

9. Joseph W. Cowan, captain of old militia, 1st company 1st Reg., 2nd Brigade, 19 Division.

10. James H. Cowan, a private in 1st co., 1st Reg., 2nd Brig. 19 Div

11. Charles R. Cowan was appointed captain of company I, 4th reg. Ohio men in Warren county; was stationed at the training camp, Camp Denison, July 11, 1863.

12. Franklin Baker, lieutenant in the quartermaster's department co. F, 12 reg. Ohio men.

13. David Mulford, co. K, 16 Kan. Volunteer Infantry, 3 years.

14. Daniel Pauly, captain, wounded at Antetum, co. C, 12 regiment Ohio men.

15. Charles Cowan, of Oquawka, Ill., volunteered at the beginning of the war for three years; was slightly wounded while in battle; was a member of 10th reg., co. E. When time expired re-enlisted for another three years.

16. John Cowan, of Oquawka, Ill., at the beginning of war, volunteered for three years, and when that time expired he re-enlisted for another three years; was a member of 10 reg., co. E.

17. Caswell Endicott, a brother in-law, was also in the war.

18. Robert Cowan's son was in this war.

19. William M. Brooks, 2nd Lieut. co I, 54th reg., Indiana volunteers.

20. Harrison S. Carney, 2nd Lieut., co. I, 52nd reg. Indiana Volunteers. Received his commission in 1862, and seven days after was placed in command of his company.

21. William R. Hunt, 1st Lieut., co. K, 37th reg. Indiana volunteers.

22. Dr. Rush Carley, enlisted with the 3 year men, and was in the 16th regiment. Later was transferred to company F 146th regiment, and was assistant surgeon.

WORLD'S WAR

1. Rudolph Reeder, American Red Cross commissioner in France

2. 2nd Lieut. Rudolph Rex Reeder; teacher at the Saumer artillery school in France.

3. Lieut. Andrew M. Cowan, enlisted January 7, 1918, at Indianapolis, Indiana; entered Ground school, Ohio State University at Columbus, Ohio, May 18, 1918, graduated August 10, 1918. Transferred to the Aviation concentration camp, at camp Dick, Dallas, Texas, Aug. 17, 1918; transferred to the flying school, Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas, October 4, 1918; completed R. M. A. course March 11, 1919; commissioned as reserve military aviator March 11, 1919 (inactive.) Discharged March 20, 1919.

4 Russel Titsworth enlisted June 18, 1918, in the naval reserves, co. I regiment I, camp Dewey, Great Lakes training station.

5. 2nd Lieut. of Infantry Richard E Hayes enlisted April 2, 1917, at Crawfordsville, Indiana, in company C, a national guard unit of the old second Indiana Infantry, known later as the 152d Infantry; was ordered to Gary, Ind., to guard the Aetna powder works just east of Gary. After spending several months there was ordered to Jeffersonville, Ind., Aug. 4, 1917, for mobilization of an entire regiment. After two months there was ordered to camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Oct. 14, 1917, then was sent to an officers' training school at camp Gordon, Atlanta, Georgia, July 19, 1918, where the work was completed; received commission as 2nd lieutenant of the Infantry Oct. 15, 1918, and then was transferred to camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio, Oct. 17, 1918, and there remained till the close of the war; was discharged Dec 14, 1918, which separated Richard and Uncle Sam in their army life. Although never having an opportunity to go overseas, he can proudly say that he did as much here in U. S. training men as "over there."

6. Hugh P. Mulford, co. M. C. O. T. I. Camp McArthur, Texas

7. Sergeant Elmer Wills enlisted April 5, 1917, in the first enlistment with co. E 1st Ohio Infantry from April 5, 1917, to October 27, 1917. Then was changed to co. E 147 Infantry, October 27, 1917, to April 19, 1919; was made sergeant May 15, 1918. Left U. S. June 15, 1918; was in the following battles at the front: Meuse Argonne, Ypres-Lys 1st, Ypres-Lys 2nd. Gassed September 28, 1918; received a French cross for bravery at Meuse Argonne, the Croix DeGuerre, reeeived the gold star, or the corp sightation, on the night before the armistice was signed Nov. 10, 1918, for bravery during the building of a bridge abross the Escaut river; was held in reserve in the battles of St. Miahel and Lorrain Arrived in the United States, March 22, 1919, and was discharged from the army April 19, 1919.

8. 2nd Lieut. Clarence Blaine Lyons of the Ordnance Department, camouflage section. Had eight months service in France; was stationed

for six months at Mehun Yer-Serve.

9. Corporal Eldred J. Sellers entered the service Sept. 20, 1917, at Camp Custer, Battle Creek, Michigan. When the call came for volunteers to go to the woods in the Northwest, Nov. 27, 1917, he was among the first to sign up, as he thought he could be of more service to Uncle Sam in the Spruce woods helping to get the lumber for ships and air planes; was in 102 squadron Spruce Production Division bureau aircraft production at Powers, Oregon; was made corporal. He was to go across the sea the first of January had not the armistice been signed Nov. 11, 1918; was placed in the 27th spruce squadron A. S. A. P. at Vancouver, Washington, and received his discharge January 28, 1919.

10. Captain Bine Plunkett enlisted in the service January 29, 1907; was commissioned lieutenant in April 1916 and made captain of the 64th U. S. Infantry, July 1918, preparatory to going to France. On arrival at Camp Merritt, New Jersey had an attack of appendicitis and underwent an operation which detained his sailing for a month. After arriving in England was attacked with the Flu, and was in the hospital for a while. He arrived at his company's quarters eight days after the armistice was signed, much to his regret for not seeing real action after having studied and worked for it.

11. 1st Lieutenant Lora Plunkett enlisted in the service January 2, 1914, spent four and a half years on the Hawaiian Islands. On September 2, 1918, was commissioned 1st lieutenant of the 2nd Philippine Infantry, and sailed for the Philippine Islands on Sept. 2, 1918. Is stationed at Fort Wm. McKinley, Rizal Philippine Island.

12 James R. Cowan enlisted December 13, 1917, at Kansas City, Mo., in the first enlistment, last ordnance, Base hospital No 28, left for oversea duty June 12, 1918. Base hospital No. 28 established a hospital at Limoges France. He arrived back in the United States, April 30, 1919; was discharged at camp Tachary Taylor, Ky., May 12, 1919.

13. Glen Clough went to camp Taylor, Ky., Oct. 5, 1917, then to Hattisburg, Miss., then to Jersey City, N. J., and sailed June 12, 1918; was a member of the automatic machine gun company of the 151st Infantry.

14 Grover L. Harshbarger entered the service July 25, 1918, and was stationed at camp Taylor, Ky., until August 17, 1918, when he was transferred to Battery D, 36th Field Artillery at camp McClellan; was discharged January 31, 1919.

15. Robert S. Church, co. G 116 Inf. American E. F. A. P. O. 765.

16 Alonzo Swank--

17. Leland E. Olin inducted into the service at camp Taylor, Ky., July 25, 1918, and assigned to the 41st co. 11th Tr Bn. In August was sent to camp McClellan, Ala., where he was assigned to co. F, 9th ammunition train, there being trained for oversea duties, and learned later that they were within eight hours of entraining for the coast. He was arrested corporal September 15, 1918; was made sergeant December 10, 18, but on account of being sent the same day to the hospital with a broken leg was never able to resume duty. From the hospital was sent to the casual co. No. 3 and then to camp Taylor for discharge which was granted February 17, 1919.

18. Robert Pauley, engineers, was at Torirs, 1st lieutenant.

NOTES

James Cowan, Jr., though a man of seventy years, volunteered and became a member of Captain Gilchrist's company called "the squirrel hunters," which was raised to go to the defense of Cincinnati when it was threatened by John Morgan's cavalry. He was never in action, but received an honorable discharge.

The following was taken from the monument which is in the old town graveyard at the edge of Crawfordsville, Indiana:

"Sacred to the memory of Micaiah Reeder, who was born April 24, 1779, died Sept. 14, 1843.

"Touch the love harp for him
Those far from home.
Sweet home where love
Will fondly cling."

Sarah D., wife of William L. John, daughter of Micaiah Reeder, died October 21, 1861.

Jane W. McPherson, consort of Adam McPherson, died April 15, 1816

Russel, women's ancestor was a brother to Mary Russel Cowan, wife of James Cowan, Sr.

Jane White McPherson's brother in law was a Presbyterian minister, David Rice.

Charles Russel and James Cowan, Jr., were cousins; also William Russel, a pork packer of Lebanon.

Old Uncle Russel lived in Gallia county, Ohio.

James Cowan, Sr., had a brother Robert, for James, Jr., use to talk about an Uncle Robert Cowan.

Sarah Drusilla Cowan always said that James Cowan, Sr., had a brother who settled in the South.

Jane White McPherson was born July 12, 1791 in Bourbon county, Kentucky, and departed this life Feb. 21, 1873. She came to this State in 1796 and settled in Clark county from whence she removed to this county in 1809, and was married to Charles Cowan the same year with whom she lived 41 years when God called him home. She was a member of the Presbyterian church of Lebanon, Ohio, for 63 years. Although for several years not being able to attend the house of God, yet she had sweet communion with her heavenly Father in her own home. The last word she uttered before her happy spirit passed through the gates of the New Jerusalem was Peace! She passed away without a struggle, and is now asleep in Jesus.

An inventory of the goods and chattels of James Cowan, Sr., deceased, valued by William Wills, Joseph Mulford and Henry Harner, who were chosen by the heirs of the said deceased for that purpose in order that a division of said goods may be made, Sept. 5, 1829:

	$ c
6 one stand	00 25
6 one table	01 00
6 one rocking chair	00 25
6 three chairs	00 37½
6 one square table	00 25
Three chairs	00 37½
Shimmer and flesh fork	00 12½
Lantern and flesh fork	00 18¾
Pano scale—hooks	00 12½
Onè bottle	00 6½
One do	00 12½
One old	00 00
One candlestick	00 12½
Coffee mill	00 25
Box iron and tin	00 00
Fire bellows	00 06¼
One jug	00 75
One fine hatchet	00 50
One course hatchet	00 12½
Seusage stuffer	00 50
Knives—forks—box	00 37½
One conk shell	00 37½
Pewter bason	00 62
Pewter dish	00 50
Three do plates	00 37½
do, do, do,	00 6½
Spoons	00 12½
Coffee pot	00 50½
Set cups and saucers	00 12½
Sugar bowl	00 20
Tea pot	00 06¼
Four white plates	00 06¼
Three white bowls	00 06¼
One large bowl	00 06¼
Four bowls	00 06¼
Three plates	00 12½
Old cups and saucers and T pot	00 06¼
Cruet and stem glass	00 25
Salt sellars	00 12½
Canister	00 06¼
Three blue edge plates	00 06¼
Six do, do, do	00 25
Five old plates	00 06¼
One white dish	00 18¾
One green edge do	00 25
Corner cupboard	04 50
One silver watch	04 50
One shotgun pouch	04 00
One pair of steel gards	01 12½
Hand irons	00 25
Shovel and toons	00 37½
One old pot	00 6¼
Skillet and lid	00 37½
Dutch oven	00 6¼
Bedstead- bed—bedding	10 00
Powder horn- skann	00 6¼
Saddle and bags	00 50
Two books	00 25
Lot old books	00 25
One beaureau	02 50
One small kettle	01 00
One large do	01 50
One trampole	00 25
Dutch oven	00 25
One small grenstone	00 50
One large do	00 62½
Chissil and hoe	00 12½
hoxel-pik	00 12½
tuning tools	00 25
coopers ax	00 25
Two cr ss	00 12½
Lot of trace hoops	00 06½
Four crooked drawing k	00 37½
lot of old do	01 00
one drawing k	00 12½
compass	00 25
Round shave stock	00 06¼
one saw	00 75
old saw	00 25
Three old axes	00 37½
One adze, bale, file	00 37½
lot of old tools	03 00
Two old collars	00 12½
Three do, old bridles	00 37½
Pr ot old brich bands	00 12½
Two pairs haims	00 25
Two hip straps	00 25
Two pair haims	00 25
haulter chain- old chain	00 18¾
Two haulter chains	00 25
Two back bands	00 12½
one line	00 12½
slides and belly band	00 12
Ol l chains	00 25
chains to waggon	00 25
Jack screw	01 00
chains to the old w	00 25
Irons of old plow	00 37
Two forks	00 25
One old horse	15 00
Pair of streachers	01 00
single do	00 67
double trees and C knife	00 75
shovel plow irons	00 25
one old waggon	20 00

One cow	06 00	Old tub in barn	00 12½
One cow	07 00	Four tubs in entry	00 75
Two sheep	01 00	Old barral and cag	00 37½
		Total	$108.26½

Given under our hands this 5th day of Sept. 1829.

Henry Harner
Joseph Mulford
Wm. Wills

The amounnt of the written valuation	$108.26½
To which add some act., for work is not collected	12.87½
	$121.14
From which deduct funeral expenses and what will put up suitable stone to the grave of the deceased - - - - - -	22.62½
Leaving to divide between the five heirs 5	$ 98.51½
	$ 19.70½
One of the heirs (ToWit) Jane Reader Relinquishes her share—the remaining shares tnen will be - - - - -	$ 21.62½

Sept. 16th, 1829 – We the undersigned this day received our full shares of the goods and chattels agreeable to the foregoing valuation.
And dividend being two of the heirs at law of the within named James Cowan Deceased.

James Cowan Jr
John Cowan

The following is a copy of a pamphlet which was written by an old lady of Knoxville, Tenn., and was a story as she remembered it, told by old settlers in that region. No doubt the main facts are correct, but the quaint language that is used and the style in which it is written makes it interesting and shows how these legions may be changed by being handed down from generation to generation by word of mouth:

Jane Cowan---A Pioneer---By Lalla.

Many years ago, when Tennesse was in its infancy, there lived in the county of Blount a family by the name of Cowan. The wife's name was Jane. They had one child, a girl, and perhaps other children.

The Indians were at war with each other and with the whites. From Old Town or Chillicothe, Ohio, as it is now called, a body of Shawnee Indians came to Tennessee to war against the whites, the Cherokees, Choctaws and other tribes of their own race. These tribes had years before driven the Shawnees from their vast hunting grounds in the South, hence they were continually returning to harass these Indians and white settlers.

On one these expeditions the Jane Cowan of this sketch was taken prisoner. On the morning of the capture Jane was happy in her little cabin home, her daughter by her side and her husband busy in the fields. Before night she was in an awful state, her home was burned, her daughter was lost and her husband had been killed by her side and scalped. She was a prisoner and forced to travel she knew not where. In her bosom she carried her husband's scalp, which had been thrust into her hands by the cruel squaws, while it was dripping with blood. Footsore and weary and well nigh heartbroken, the poor captive finally reached Old Town, Chillicothe. Here she was made a slave by the squaws of the Shawnees. She made sugar from the juice of the sugar maple. All night long she was forced to keep the kettles boiling by the cruel squaws; one night she fell asleep, when she woke the fires were out. She expected the squaws would awake and kill her, so she hastily renewed the fires and fortunately was able to get the kettles boiling before they found it out. For a num-

ber of years Jane led a miserable life, but she had one comfort, the Indian braves did not molest her. She was a beautiful woman and she tried to keep out of their sight for fear one of them might want her as his wife. Night after night as she watched the boiling kettles and the myriad stars shone down upon her or the glorious moon turned the forest into a fairyland, she sat and communed with the God of her fathers, and her own God as well. She could recite and sing many of the Psalms and knew many of the chapters of the New Testament by heart. She was of the sturdy Scotch-Irish stock. Her will power could not be quelled; she "Endured hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

But unknown to Jane, one of the most learned chiefs of the Shawnee tribe was falling in love with her and often during the night watches he watched her closely. At first he pitied her, then her beauty enthralled him and her character charmed him and finally he became greatly interested in her God. For a long, long time he did not make this known. He was a very somber chief, he knew that his tribe was doomed, for even at this time, the Great Six Nations only recognized the Shawnee as a wandering tribe. He was interpreter between the Indians and the whites. He could speak English and French and several Indian languages. Finally he could keep silent no longer, and one night while Jane was watching the boiling kettles he approached her; she was greatly disturbed but his gentleness soon disarmed her and when she found that he was interested in the God of whom he had so often heard her speak, she at once lost all thought of self as she led him step by step into the light of the Gospel. Thus months and perhaps years passed by.

But one night the Chief Squaw learned of these communings; she hated Jane because she could not make her show fear, for Jane would not be a menial although she was forced to do a menial's work. The Chief Squaw also hated the Somber Chief because he had spurned her love and she longed for revenge. She knew that Jane shrank from marrying an Indian, she also knew that if the Chief married a white woman he would loose caste with his tribe and would never be allowed to sit in their councils of war or wear the royal dress of his people. She therefore resolved that Jane should be forced into a marriage with him. "Then" she cried "I will be revenged." Jane did not know all this but the chief did, but he resolved to give up everything if he could win Jane's love, but this he soon found he could not do; when he asked her to be his wife she silently showed him her husband's scalp which she still carried in her bosom. "That is what your people did," she finally said "If I ever marry again I will marry one of my own race." The chief bowed and left her. For many nights she was left alone with her boiling kettles and the chief grew more and more somber and Jane more and more sad. When they happened to meet during the day they did not speak, but Jane's face said plainer than words "Have I lost my only friend?" After one of these meetings the chief went off alone, "I must think of some way to get her back to her people" he said to himself. When he returned he had a way planned and arranged to carry it out. The plan was this, he meant to steal Jane and with a number of braves and their squaws, take her to a fort in Canada. He accomplished his end but through many hardships. They traversed nearly the whole State of Ohio and crossed Lake Erie on the ice—This is fact not fiction.

One cold morning when they were near their journeys end a "Run-

ner" came in with the word that a party of Shawnees were hot on their trail. Soon after Jane's disappearance, the chief matron of the Shawnees who outranked the chief squaw, learned in whose company Jane had escaped. Her influence with the council was great The somber chief was her nephew and could not be spared from their ranks or be suffered to marry a white woman, was her verdict, hence their pursuit.

This the chief told Jane that cold morning as they neared the fort. He was clothed in his royal dress and made an imposing figure. "Leave me" cried Jane when he had finished "I can surely make my way in safety now, you have suffered much for me, go back to your people and teach them the great truths of the Gospel, about the Great Three in One," and she held out her hand, "Goodby" she said, but the chief shook his head, "I will teach my people these Great Truths, God willing, but now I must see you safe in the fort, "Come!" and Jane went. They had gotten within a quarter of a mile of the fort when a ferocious yell proclaimed that their pursuers were near at hand, "Run, Jane, run," I will stand between you a and them as long as there is life in my body." Jane ran, protected by the somber chief and the watchman at the fort, seeing the race, rushed out and dragged her in just in the nick of time. When the pursuers saw that the somber chief was clothed in his royal dress they knew that he had not deserted. They supplied him with a "Mount" and silently turned to retrace their steps homeward. Jane and the watchman cheered lustily, but the somber chief looked steadily before him making no sign. That was the last time Jane ever saw her chieftain lover.

Some months after that Jane, with the aid of her new friends made her way to Pennsylvania to some relatives and these friends in turn assisted her along the Great War Path southward until she again reached Blount county, Tenn., where her daughter and friends received her as one risen from the dead. She married and settled down once more.

Some seven years afterward Jane was again captured with her daughter, this time by southern Indians who took them to Georgia. But Jane had learned many lessons during the first canture, she easily commanded the respect of her captors by her bold front and intrepid spirit and was enabled to shield her daughter and herself from harm.

One day they were exchanged with other prisoners at a peace conference. They again landed in Old Blount and there ended their days."

The following is a copy of a shipping bill that was found among Thomas Cowan's papers:

Cincinnati May 2 1850

Shiped wagon to Messrs. Hewitt Roe & Co Saint Louis & instructed them to forward same to Nobel & Gail Ketesburg Illinois & say to them the wagon was for Mr John Cowan near Ketsburg and from Thomas Cowan of Lebanon Ohio.

"One two horse wagon (Running gear) No 1 wheels 1x2 with Double trees hammer, bolts, hinch pins &c complete. Marked with a white paint cross X

EXCURSUS.—THE WHITEHILL FAMILY

James Whitehill, the ancester of the American Whitehills, was of Scotch descent, but whether born in Scotland, or in the north of Ireland, (whither he or his parents had first emigrated), or in the State of Pennsylvania is not known.

One of his grandchildren was heard to say that she used to see, when a child, in her grandfather's house in Pennsylvania a painting of the arms of Lord Stair, and was told that her family descended from the author of the Glencoe Massacre, or his father, the elder Dalrymple.

He was born in 1700, and married Miss Criswell, in 1728. Three of his five sons were members of Congress from Pennsylvania 1805-14, viz: John born 1720, died 1815, Robert died 1813, and James died 1822.

In McMaster's "History of the People of the United States," the name of Mr. Whitehill (one of the above) is frequently mentioned as a leader in the Pennsylvania legislature.

Robert was the great grand-father of J. Q. A. Ward, the sculptor.

Joseph Whitehill, the tenth child and youngest son of James, born 1746. This son inherited or otherwise acquired the old family home and about four hundred acres of land; and also engaged in business as a merchant at Lancaster. He married in 1780, Mary Kenedy, daughter of Thos. Kenedy and Rachel Clark, born 1761. Through the mismanagement of a business partner, Joseph Whitehill lost his property and land, and about 1800 moved to Botetourt county, Va., where he lived upon a farm until his death in 1808. His widow died in 1810. The bodies of both lie in the old Presbyterian burying ground at Fincastle

There was born to them ten children, three sons and seven daughters. The oldet son remained in Pennsylvania. The second son, Joseph, during the war of 1812, was a lieutenant in a militia company raised in Botetourt county, and during the campaign at Norfolk, became captain.

In 1815 the surviving members of the family moved to Ohio, settling in Warren county. Beside Joseph there came six sisters and one brother, the later, however, dying the first year after removal.

Two or these sisters, viz: Mary, born Oct. 19, 1788, and Hannah, born Nov. 28, 1790, married, respectively, Thomas Smith and Judge George James Smith. (See Smith Excursus, pp. 168-9).

Susannah, born Oct. 29, 1792, married 1817, John Tate, and left a large family who reside in southern Ohio, excepting two sons James S. and David Morris, prominent and successful grain merchants residing in New York and Chicago, respectively. Rachel married Dr. Morris, of Lebanon. Rebecca, born in Lancaster county, Pa., Oct. 21, 1796, died April 13, 1838, married Nov. 9, 1824, William Cowan, a native of Virginia, who died April 28, 1834, aged 34, and had a daughter Elizabeth , who married Judge James S. Goode, No. 474.

Neither Josebh Whitehill nor his sister Jane ever married. The former was twice elected sheriff of Warren county, and afterwards served four terms as representative in the state legislature. In 1834, he was elected treasurer of state, an office he continued to hold through successive re-elections for twelve years. Mr. Whitehill and his sister Jane moved to Columbus in 1834, and resided there, universally esteemed and respected, until the death of the former in 1861. Miss Whitehill, who was the eldest

of the family coming to Ohio, and whom all the others regarded as a kind of second mother, was a woman of noble traits and great intelligence. She died in 1865, in Springfield.—Quoted from G. Brown Goode's "Virginia Cousins." p. 169-170.

A Reminiscence of Mrs. Pauline Reeder Berkstresser childhood as told by her at the Cowan Reunion, August 19, 1919, which was held at the old original homestead: "I happened to be the youngest girl that grew to womanhood in the largest family of the Cowan blood. I, of course, do not remember as much about our life in this neighborhood as some of the older ones, but the memory of the old homestead—the old brick house on the hill and its surroundings—is so indelible stamped upon my mind that nothing can obliterate it and cause it to appear different than it was when we played there as children.

I would like to relate an incident of our childhood which happened at "the old red brick," as we always called it. It is about my earliest recollection, as I was only five years old at the time, and as it turned out to be quite an important event for me it made a lasting impression upon me.

One day while out playing with my three older sisters they conceived the idea of having a royal procession and the choice fell upon me for queen. I had a luxurious head of brown curly hair which early in the morning had been curled and by afternoon had clustered itself in tight ringlets. The next problem was a crown. Running to a nearby burdock patch my sisters came with their aprons full of burrs and proceeded to stick them around my head in the form of a band. Not quite satisfied with the effect they rolled my hair up on top, and the busy fingers of three pairs of hands fairly flew until I was adorned with a high pyramid of burdock burrs - a crown of which any queen might have been proud. An abandoned washing machine which stood by the side of the house was hurried on the scene. The fact that it still stood on its four legs and could be pulled along made it ideal as a chariot. Our pet calf which was peacefully grazing in the yard was captured and hitched to the chariot in which I was seated in front as queen and my next older sister in the back as lady in waiting. The royal procession was all set, but the calf refused to move. Some apple tree sprouts were procured and applied vigorously, which brought about quicker action than any of us had anticipated. Turning and becoming frightened at such queenly dignity the calf gave one quick jerk and ran, and the queen, lady in waiting and chariot were thrown about the yard in all directions. Up to this time there had been no music, but the music that now broke forth from sister and me, and especially from me, as the loss of my crown had not been entirely painless, brought mother to the door, and it is needless to say that the apple tree sprouts were put to better use. It was necessary for mother to cut my hair close to my head, and the leaders of the project were severely punished and compelled to retire in disgrace.

Little did I think when I parted from my schoolmates on the last day I attended school in this district that it would be so many years before we should meet again, and that the place of meeting would be so near the old homestead and the occasion the Cowan Family Reunion. But such is human life.

Sometimes, when going a weary mile,
We wonder, if we should rest awhile
And seek old friends whom we used to know
Away back there in the long ago,
And seek a stream where we used to wade,
And rest awhile in the grateful shade,
And hark awhile to a wild bird's song—
Would all of the world we're in go wrong?

If we should stop for a chat and smile
With friends who once made the world worth while,
If we should go for a day out far
Where the meadow-blooms and the children are,
Where trees are tall and the skies are fair,
And drop all worry and drop all care,
Would all we're working to win and do
Go whirling wrong and be all askew?

Friends were so fine in the old, old days!
The resting trees and the blossomed ways,
The wildbird song and the care-free times,
The rushing streams and the mountain climbs—
And now we're meshed in the gears of life,
The rush and crush and the work and strife
We sometimes, going a weary mile,
Wish we might turn from the way awhile.

And what about my wanderings since I left here! They can only be compared to the forty years' wanderings of the Children of Israel in the wilderness—the wilderness of mortal mind. But about a half score of years ago I received my first glimpse of the Promised Land through the healing of an ailment that had been with me for more than a quarter of a century. Since then I have been gradually working out of the mortal wilderness and slowly but surely emerging into the Land of Promise, and I find it all that Divine Mind had promised it should be. I see but few familiar faces here this afternoon but I see none but what I love, and I shall always remember the 1919 Cowan Family Reunion as one of the happy events of my life."

There are several old relics of the Cowans yet in existence, a few of which are: Two or three combs to comb flax; a reel to wind yarn into cuts, 120 turns before it cracks, thus telling when a skeen is measured; a tread wheel; several old chairs belonging to Jane White McPherson Cowan and her mother, one in particular which was made by James Cowan, Jr., it had high arms so it would be more comfortable for Jane White McPherson Cowan's mother; bread mixer; a wooden keg made with wooden pins; also an old long gun and powder horn bearing the date May 1800.

Parts of letters received by the author saved for references for those who care to try and trace the lineal descent back farther which the author has been unable to find the connecting link:

From John T. Cowan, Whitethorn, Va.:—"My father was Arthur, his father was Robert and came from Ireland and settled in West Moreland county, Pa., where my father was born. Father had several brothers, James and John who remained in Pennsylvania; Patrick, Robert and

William settled in Illinois, Robert at Georgetown and Patrick at Danville where he has a son, William C., living now. My father had two brothers, Isaac and George, who resides in West Va. I was born at Clarksburg, W. Va. Also had four sisters who married men respectively, Gardner, of Putman county, W. Va.; Gibbons, of Little Rock, Ark.; Packer, of Missouri; Ward, Atlanta, Mo. Mrs. Packer lived to be 102 years old."

From Clinton Cowen, State highway commissioner, Columbus, Ohio: "The family as I understand came to America from Ireland about 200 years ago. First settled or stopped in Newfoundland and spent some time as fishermen. Grandfather Cowen's name was William; was born in Pennsylvania 1774 or 1775 near the Susquehenna river. He came to Cincinnati, Ohio, among the earliest settlers and lived in Hamilton and Clermont counties until his death which was about 1840. He had a brother Edward. Both resided in Bedford county, Pa. Some of the family is still there. My father was Elijah. He had a brother William, who resided near Shelbyville, Ind. William's complete military record may be had from the war department in Washington. He was a lieutenant in the revolutionary war and drew a pension."

From Mrs. Laura A. Blaine, Springfield, Mo.: "Our line we feel sure comes from the Walker-Cowan ancestry as the name Samuel Walker Cowan is given on down in our line. We know there were seven Cowan brothers came over and three of them married Walkers, viz: Samuel married Anne Walker (our line we think); Wm. C. married Jane Walker, and Andrew married Mary Walker. The other brothers John (our ancestor) James, Matthew and David, who came to Pennsylvania about 1726; then some went to Augusta and Rockbridge county, Va., thence to Tennessee and Kentucky. My grandfather was John Cowan, born in Rockbridge county, Va., 1768; married in 1796 to Margaret Weir of the same county. John had a brother James who married Polly Montgomery. Their father was killed by Indians, and their mother taken captive. James also, but he escaped in a year. We have no record of Jane or Mary as captives, but do of Ann."

From J. R. Cowan, Danville, Ky.: "My branch of the Cowan family in Kentucky dates back to Captain John Cowan, who emigrated from Lancaster, Pa., by way of Va. and settled in Kentucky about 1770. He made several trips prior with his brother James who was killed by Indians. Their father was Henry Cowan who emigrated from South Scotland and located in Lancaster county, Pa. His sons were John, James and David. Capt. John Cowan was a government surveyor of Kentucky and Va."

From Mrs. Sarah L. Lellen, Waterbury, Conn.: "My maiden name was Sarah L. Cowan. James Cowan was my brother. My father William Kirkpatrick Cowan, was born in Londonbury, Ireland, in 1806. His grandfather was William. His grandmother was Elizabeth Fulton. She was related to Robert Fulton, "the American steamboat man." My father's mother was Scotch. My father had one brother John who died in Danbury, Conn., in 1880. My father died in Pittsfield, Mass., in 1876. Uncle James Cowan died in New York about 60 years ago. My father came to this country when a boy to live in New York with his uncle. My

great grandfather had six sons and two daughters; two were farmers; two came to America; two were merchants; my grandfather was a merchant."

From Miss Lillian Cowan, Detroit, Mich.: "I do not believe there is any connection between your ancestors and ours. However, we know very little regarding ours. We are relatives of Mahew Cowan, formerly member of parliament for years. He is a lawyer, practicing somewhere in Ottawa or Toronto, Canada."

From Mrs. Janet Cowan, Detroit, Mich.: "My husband's people all belong to Glasgow, Scotland. His father was James Cowan; he died about 15 years ago at the age of 75 years."

From H. W. Cowan, Holyoke, Mass.: "I do not think our family is closely connected with the Pennsylvania Cowans, we having come from north of Ireland to Maine originally. James Cowan told me years ago that his family was of the Pennsylvania branch."

From Captain Arthur Cowan: "All of my people have lived in Maine for many years back. I am unable to trace any connection with the family mentioned in your letter."

From the Filson Club, Louisville, Ky.: In the 2nd volume of Collins' History of Kentucky on page 784 you will find John Cowan referred to in the index for several pages. John Cowan came to Kentucky with the Long Hunters from Virginia, who made their headquarters at what is now Harrodsburg, and John Cowan thereafter became a permanent character in the early history of the State. I find a James Cowan, but I did not endeavor to find out anything of his history.

From Va. State Library.—Lists of Revolutionary Soldiers from Virginia. One entry standing in name of Capt. John Cowan; eight entries in name of John Cowan (Cowen) private. These entries gives no family information.

MEMORY, OUR GUEST

Relentless Time moves to the goal of Never
  Upon a shoreless ocean, where we ride,
Lured by the murmurs of a vast Forever
  That seem to reach us from a father's side.

The riddle of the Future's always hidden;
  But stretched behind us lies the growing past:
And Memory to our feast tonight is bidden,
  With all her wealth of pictures while they last!

There are some moments fuller for their coming
  Than all the common passing days and nights,
And none so full as those when we are summing
  Our dearest recollections' rare delights.

So let us pause a little ere we wander
  Along the trackless waste of things to be;
And turning from the great unknown out yonder,
  Attune our souls to Memory's harmony.

For sitting ever at our feasts of reason,
  And lingering ever with our flow of soul,
Our evening's guest will grace each passing season,
  And each, with reverent pause, will read her scroll.

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